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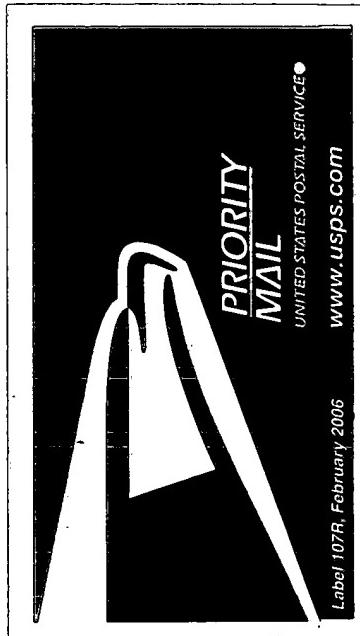
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imaging purposes in diagnosis [see, for example, Colcher *et al.* (1988), Schlom *et al.*, (1991)], and in therapy by targeting specific tissues or cells and by delivering toxins or radioactivity to predetermined locations [see, for example, Chaudary *et al.* (1988), and Schlom (1991)].

Furthermore, in view of the similarity in structure of antibodies belonging to the different classes and isotypes, the structure of a particular antibody could be manipulated to generate new functions or to endow it with a desired reactivity. For example, it may be possible, through the construction of chimeric IgE molecules of pre-selected specificity, to harness the cytotoxic potential of the IgE-isotypic response mediated by the low-affinity receptor for IgE and effect the killing of tumor cells and parasites by inflammatory cells (Helm, 1989).

Another important application is the use of antibodies as enzymes. It was proposed (Jencks, 1969) that catalytic antibodies could be generated by the use of transition-state analogs as immunogens, and a number of such antibodies have been produced [see, for example, Lerner and Tramontano (1988), Schultz (1988) and Benkovic (1992)]. This opens the possibility of generating enzymes for chemical reactions for which no natural catalysts exist.

Monoclonal antibodies are still more easily obtained from nonhuman sources, usually rodent, and the use of those antibodies in human subjects will be hindered by the patients' immune system. Since the reduction of the immunogenicity in humans of xenogeneic antibodies will make those molecules more efficacious reagents in therapy and diagnosis, various procedures for "humanizing" nonhuman antibodies are being developed.

#### *Structural considerations in the "humanization" of antibodies*

Ideally, "humanization" should result in an antibody that is nonimmunogenic, with complete retention of the antigen-binding properties of the original molecule. However, in order to retain all the antigen-binding properties of the original antibody, the structure of its combining-site has to be faithfully reproduced in the "humanized" version. This could be achieved by transplanting the combining site of the nonhuman antibody onto a human framework, either (a) by grafting the entire nonhuman variable domains onto human constant regions (Morrison *et al.*, 1984; Morrison and Oi, 1988) (which preserves the ligand-binding properties, but which also retains the immunogenicity of the nonhuman variable domains); (b) by grafting only the nonhuman CDRs onto human framework and constant regions (Jones *et al.*, 1986; Verhoeven *et al.*, 1988); or (c) by transplanting the entire nonhuman variable domains (to preserve ligand-binding properties) but also "cloaking" them with a human-like surface through judicious replacement of exposed residues (to reduce antigenicity) (Padlan, 1991).

(i) *"Humanization" by CDR-grafting.* "Humanization" by transplanting only the CDRs (Jones *et al.*, 1986; Verhoeven *et al.*, 1988) should result in almost complete elimination of immunogenicity (except if allotypic or

idiotypic differences exist). However, it is found that in order to recover the ligand-binding properties of the original molecule, some framework residues from the original antibody, those which influence the structure of the combining site, also need to be preserved [see, for example, Riechmann *et al.* (1988), and Queen *et al.* (1989)].

In theory, all the framework residues which could influence the structure of the combining site should be kept. These include those which are in contact with the CDRs, since they provide the primary support for the combining site structure, and those which are involved in the  $V_L$ - $V_H$  contact, since they influence the relative disposition of the CDRs. It may be necessary to keep also those framework residues which are buried in the domain interior, since they could influence the overall domain structure and, thereby, the structure of the combining site. Further, if the interaction with antigen involves "induced fit", the structural elements which permit the conformational change(s) must also be preserved in the "humanized" molecule.

The important framework residues could be identified if the three-dimensional structure of the antibody is known, preferably in a complex with antigen. In the absence of three-dimensional structure, the identification of the important framework residues could be attempted by other means, for example, by modeling the combining site structure (e.g. Queen *et al.*, 1989; Carter *et al.*, 1992), or by studying the effect of framework mutations on the ligand-binding properties of the molecule (e.g. Tempest *et al.*, 1991; Foote and Winter, 1992). Useful hints can be obtained from an examination of the known antibody structures.

The framework residues, which probably play a role in maintaining the combining site structure are presented in Tables 18–21 for the murine antibodies of known structure. The framework residues in the  $V_L$  domains, the side chains of which contact CDR residues, are listed in Table 18; those in the  $V_H$  are listed in Table 19. The framework residues, which contact framework residues in the opposite domain and which influence the quaternary structure of the Fv, have already been identified (Table 8). The buried, inward-pointing, framework residues in the  $V_L$ , i.e. those which are located in the domain interior, are listed in Table 20; those in the  $V_H$  are listed in Table 21. These results are collected in Table 22 for  $V_L$  and in Table 23 for  $V_H$ .

It is seen that there are many framework residues that contact the CDRs, that contact the opposite domain and that are found in the domain interior. These framework residues, which could influence the structure of the combining site and thus the antigen-binding characteristics of an antibody, are different from antibody to antibody, although many are common to all.

If one of the murine antibodies listed in the tables were to be "humanized" by CDR-grafting with the view to preserving their ligand-binding properties, it would probably be wise to retain all of its framework residues that are listed in Tables 22 and 23. At first glance, it would appear that there would be too many nonhuman

Table 18.  $V_L$  framework residues that contact CDR residues in murine Fabs of known three-dimensional structure

Position	Antibody														
	J539	McPC603	HyHEL-10	HyHEL-5	R19.9	44-20	BV04-01	36-71	B13I2	D1.3	Yat9-1	AN02	17/9	8F5	NC41
1	E(2)	D(5)	D(10)	D(3)	D(5)	D(8)	D(4)	D(5)	D(11)	D(5)	Q(5)	D(1)	D(5)	D(5)	D(5)
2	I(11)	I(15)	I(18)	I(18)	I(20)	V(12)	V(9)	I(21)	V(7)	I(12)	I(25)	I(17)	I(15)	I(13)	I(16)
3	V(3)	V(2)	V(3)	Q(20)	V(2)	Q(2)	Q(2)	L(1)	Q(2)	V(2)	V(2)	V(1)	V(1)	V(3)	
4	L(13)	M(11)	L(12)	L(17)	M(14)	M(18)	M(12)	M(9)	M(6)	M(12)	M(9)	L(14)	M(11)	M(7)	M(8)
5	T(3)	T(1)			T(1)	T(3)	T(2)		T(1)	T(1)	T(2)	T(4)	T(4)	T(4)	T(2)
7					T(3)				T(1)						
22													T(4)		
23	C(3)	C(3)	C(4)	C(4)	C(3)	C(3)	C(2)	C(3)	C(3)	C(1)	C(3)	C(5)	C(5)	C(3)	
35	W(8)	W(6)	W(7)	W(8)	W(8)	W(5)	W(6)	W(10)	W(7)	W(10)	W(9)	W(6)	W(7)	W(7)	W(3)
36	Y(17)	Y(21)	Y(12)	Y(10)	Y(19)	Y(13)	Y(10)	Y(19)	Y(14)	Y(18)	Y(8)	Y(17)	Y(21)	Y(10)	Y(11)
45					K(5)	K(5)									
46	P(8)	L(9)	L(4)	R(21)	L(8)	V(15)	L(12)	L(8)	L(12)	L(9)	L(7)	L(9)	V(5)	L(14)	L(8)
48	I(10)	I(11)	I(11)	I(12)	I(11)	I(9)	I(10)	I(13)	I(10)	V(9)	I(13)	I(13)	I(9)	I(11)	I(2)
49	Y(36)	Y(33)	K(17)	Y(18)	Y(31)	Y(29)	Y(31)	Y(30)	Y(28)	Y(29)	Y(32)	Y(27)	Y(37)	Y(34)	Y(14)
58	V(8)	V(6)	I(6)	V(11)	V(7)	V(9)	V(12)	V(4)	V(8)	V(6)	V(9)	V(9)	V(8)	V(10)	V(4)
60	D(1)					D(2)			D(1)			V(1)	D(2)	D(4)	D(2)
62				F(1)	F(1)	F(1)	F(1)	F(1)			F(1)				
63									S(1)				T(1)		
67		S(3)	S(2)						S(1)			S(2)	S(4)		
69	T(5)	T(9)	T(8)	T(2)	T(8)	T(14)	T(7)	T(8)	T(4)	T(9)	T(9)	T(10)	T(4)	T(6)	
70	D(2)			D(3)		D(2)	D(6)	D(6)	D(6)	D(9)	D(9)		D(1)		
71	Y(14)	F(23)	F(23)	Y(23)	Y(21)	F(17)	F(28)	Y(21)	F(21)	Y(25)	Y(25)	Y(12)	F(16)	F(14)	Y(13)
88	C(4)	C(3)	C(3)	C(2)	C(3)	C(3)	C(2)	C(2)	C(2)	C(5)	C(4)	C(4)	C(6)	C(2)	C(1)
98	F(11)	F(15)	F(13)	F(7)	F(14)	F(12)	F(14)	F(12)	F(17)	F(17)	F(14)	F(17)	F(10)	F(16)	F(6)

The number in parentheses after each residue name corresponds to the number of atomic contacts in which the amino acid is involved. See footnote to Table 4 for the definition of contacts. The liganded forms of McPC603, BV04-01, B13I2 and 17/9 (PDB Entry: 1HIM, first Fab in the entry) were used in the computations.

Table 19.  $V_H$  framework residues that contact CDR residues in murine Fab's of known three-dimensional structure

Position	J539	McPC603	HyHEL-10	HyHEL-5	R19.9	4-4-20	BV04-01	36-71	B1312	D1.3	YST9-1	AN02	17/9	8F5	NC41
1															
2	V(1?)	V(3)	V(8)		V(3)		E(3)	E(3)							
4	L(3)	L(6)	L(5)	L(2)	L(1)	L(3)	V(7)	V(13)	V(12)	V(3)	V(11)	V(10)	I(6)		
22							L(3)	L(3)	L(4)	L(7)	L(5)	L(4)	L(7)	L(2)	C(2)
24		T(2)	V(6)			A(1)	A(1)			T(1)	V(5)				A(1)
27	F(3)	F(2)		Y(14)	Y(7)	F(26)	F(2)	Y(4)	F(2)	F(4)	F(8)	Y(16)	F(8)	F(15)	Y(4)
28	D(9)	T(6)		T(3)	T(4)	T(6)	S(1)	T(2)	T(7)	T(8)	S(1)	S(3)			
29	F(4)	F(4)		F(10)	F(6)	F(13)	F(4)	F(6)	F(5)	L(1)	F(4)	I(7)	F(2)	I(5)	F(6)
30	S(2)	S(1)	T(4)	S(3)	S(9)	N(1)	T(4)	S(1)	T(2)	T(10)	T(2)	S(1)	K(1)	T(1)	
36	W(4)	W(3)	W(6)	W(5)	W(6)	W(7)	W(4)	W(8)	W(6)	W(4)	W(3)	W(3)	W(8)		
37		V(1)		V(1)	V(1)	V(1)	V(4)	V(1)		1(4)	V(2)				
38	R(1)	R(2)	R(4)	K(2)	K(2)	R(4)	R(1)	K(2)	R(1)		R(1)				K(4)
40				R(1)											
46	E(3)	E(4)	E(1)	E(27)	E(7)	E(4)	E(2)	E(9)		E(1)	E(2)		E(4)	E(7)	
47	W(34)	W(46)	Y(22)	W(22)	W(36)	W(31)	W(34)	W(36)	W(25)	W(36)	W(28)	W(37)	W(42)	W(37)	W(19)
48	I(1)	I(1)	M(6)	I(12)	I(8)	V(1)	V(4)	I(9)	V(2)	L(1)	L(1)	M(3)		I(1)	M(10)
49		A(4)				A(3)	A(5)	A(3)						A(4)	
66	K(2)	R(3)	R(16)	K(1)	K(2)	R(8)	R(8)	K(1)	R(5)	R(3)	R(2)	R(3)	R(8)	K(3)	
67	F(6)	F(10)	I(9)	A(1)	T(7)	F(13)	F(5)	T(8)	F(10)	L(10)	F(9)	I(10)	F(6)	A(5)	F(9)
68		I(1)				T(11)				T(1)	S(1)	T(3)			
69	I(9)	V(7)	I(12)	F(16)	L(12)	I(25)	I(19)	L(9)	I(12)	I(9)	I(9)	I(10)	I(19)	I(12)	F(16)
71	R(27)	R(28)	R(7)	A(4)	V(2)	R(13)	R(28)	V(7)	R(21)	K(9)	R(23)	R(23)	R(21)	V(4)	L(6)
73	N(3)	T(3)				R(3)	D(3)	D(1)	K(2)	N(1)	N(7)	N(7)	N(1)	T(1)	
78	L(5)	L(7)	Y(15)	A(1)	A(1)	V(2)	L(3)	A(1)	L(5)	V(4)	L(3)	F(11)	L(6)	A(2)	A(2)
80						L(1)									
82				L(2)						M(1)					
82a					N(1)	R(2)					K(1)				
86						D(2)									
92	C(1)	C(1)	C(1)	C(2)	C(1)		C(2)		C(2)	C(1)	C(1)	C(1)	C(1)	C(1)	
93	A(5)	A(6)	A(1)	L(6)	A(4)	T(6)	V(8)	A(2)	T(6)	A(5)	T(3)	A(2)	A(5)	D(7)	A(1)
94	R(39)	R(26)	N(18)	H(9)	R(35)	R(14)	R(29)	R(27)	R(34)	R(36)	R(39)	R(36)	R(12)	R(16)	
103	W(13)	W(14)	W(15)	W(3)	W(16)	W(7)	W(10)	W(14)	W(7)	W(2)	W(2)	W(11)	W(7)	W(3)	

See footnote to Table 18.

residues to keep; however, searching through the tabulation of immunoglobulin sequences (Kabat *et al.*, 1991), one finds that there are human variable domain sequences which have most of the framework residues that need to be preserved. For example, the "humanization" of the murine antibody, HyHEL-5, would require keeping nine murine framework residues in the  $V_L$ , using the human  $V_{\kappa}$  sequence, BI (or REI and a few others), as template, and 13 framework residues in the  $V_H$  using the human  $V_{\kappa}$  sequence, AND (or 21/28'CL, and a few others). On the other hand, the "humanization" of the murine antibody, B13I2, would require the retention of only three murine framework residues in the  $V_L$ , using the human  $V_{\kappa}$  sequence, CUM (or NIM), as template, and only two framework residues in the  $V_H$ , using the human  $V_{\kappa}$  sequence, M72 (or M74 and a few others). It is possible that there exist other human sequences that are even more similar to these murine domains, that are known but were not included in the compilation of Kabat *et al.* (1991).

The results presented in Tables 22 and 23 could be used in the design of a "humanization" protocol for an antibody of unknown structure. If a high degree of sequence similarity to an antibody of known three-dimensional structure exists, the results for the latter could be used. If no obvious sequence similarity exists, the results which are common to all the antibodies analysed could be used as a first guess and the protocol later refined, if needed, by site-directed mutagenesis studies.

It is seen from Tables 22 and 23 that many of the important framework residues flank the CDRs. Among these flanking positions are most of the framework residues that are involved in the contact with the opposite domain (Table 8) and many of those which are in contact with the CDRs (Tables 18 and 19). Moreover, all of the framework residues which have been observed to participate in the binding to antigen (Amit *et al.*, 1986; Sheriff *et al.*, 1987; Padlan *et al.*, 1989; Bentley *et al.*, 1990; Fischmann *et al.*, 1991; Tulip *et al.*, 1992a), are in these flanking regions. These results suggest that, if during "humanization", not just the CDRs are transplanted, but also some of the residues immediately adjacent to the CDRs, there would be a better chance of retaining the ligand-binding properties of the original antibody. The likelihood will be even greater if the first few amino acids in the N-termini of both chains are transplanted also, since some of them are found to be in contact with CDRs. In fact, the N-termini are contiguous with the CDR surface and are in a position to be involved in ligand binding (Fig. 4). It should be noted that the N-termini of the light and heavy chains are not equivalent in this regard, with the N-terminus of the light chain being more involved in the contact with the CDRs (this finding may have important implications for the properties of single-chain antibodies where either the end of the heavy chain component is linked to the beginning of the light chain (Huston *et al.*, 1988), or vice versa (Bird *et al.*, 1988), especially when residues in the N-terminus are excised).

(ii) "*Humanization*" by replacing surface residues to make an antibody more "human-like". It may be possible to reduce the antigenicity of a nonhuman Fv, while preserving its antigen-binding properties, by simply replacing those exposed residues in its framework regions which differ from those usually found in human antibodies (Padlan, 1991). This would "humanize" the surface of the xenogeneic antibody while retaining the interior and contacting residues which influence its antigen-binding characteristics. The judicious replacement of exterior residues should have little, or no, effect on the interior of the domains, or on the interdomain contacts.

The solvent accessibility patterns of the Fv of Kol (PDB Entry: 2FB4) and of J539 (PDB Entry: 2FBJ) have been analysed (Padlan, 1991) and are reproduced here. The fractional accessibility values for the framework residues in the Kol and J539  $V_L$  are compared in Table 24 and those for the framework residues in the Kol and J539  $V_H$  are presented in Table 25. Examination of these tables reveals a very close similarity in the exposure patterns of the Fvs of Kol (a human IgG1,  $\lambda$ ) and J539 (a murine IgA,  $\kappa$ ). Indeed, in almost all the positions in which the two patterns differ significantly, one or both antibodies have glycine. Here, glycine is designated as being completely exposed if its  $\alpha$ -carbon is accessible to the solvent probe and completely buried otherwise (see footnote to Table 16), so that the slightest difference in structure could result in a different exposure designation for this amino acid.

The very close similarity of the exposure patterns for the variable domains of Kol and J539 points to the close correspondence of the tertiary structures of the homologous domains and of the dispositions of the individual residues. This is particularly remarkable since (a) these antibodies are from different species, (b) their light chains are of different types (J539 has a  $\kappa$  light chain, while Kol has a  $\lambda$  light chain), (c) half of their CDRs, specifically CDR1-L, CDR3-L and CDR3-H, have very different lengths and backbone conformations (Table 8, Fig. 5), and (d) Kol and J539 have only 44 identical residues out of the 79 corresponding positions in the  $V_L$  framework and 60 out of the 87 in the  $V_H$  framework. An even closer similarity in overall structure and in the exposure patterns can be expected for two molecules that are more similar in sequence than this pair. These results suggest that the solvent exposure of a residue can be more easily predicted than perhaps its involvement in the maintenance of the combining site structure.

The procedure that was proposed (Padlan, 1991) for reducing the antigenicity of a xenogeneic variable domain, while preserving its ligand-binding properties, would replace only the exposed framework residues which differ from those of the host with the corresponding residues in the most similar host sequence. Thus, the framework residues, which are at least partly exposed in the corresponding domains of Kol or J539 (those with pB, mE, or Ex designations in Tables 24 and 25), would be replaced, while the framework residues, corresponding to those which in in Kol and JS39 are completely or mostly buried (mB and Bu designations in Tables 24 and

Table 20. Inward-pointing, buried framework residues in the V<sub>L</sub> of murine Fabs of known three-dimensional structure

Position	Antibody														
	J539	McPC603	HyHEL-10	HyHEL-5	R19.9	4-4-20	BV04-01	36-71	B13I2	D1.3	Yst9-1	AN02	17/9	8F5	NC41
2	I	I	I	I	V	V	I	V	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
4	L	M	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
6	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
11	T	L	L	M	L	L	V	L	V	A	A	A	A	A	T
13	A	V	V	V	A	V	A	A	V	A	V	M	M	M	T
19	V	V	V	V	V	A	I	I	I	C	C	C	C	V	I
21	I	M	L	C	M	I	I	I	I	C	W	W	W	C	C
23	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	Q	Q	Q	Q	W	W
35	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	Q	Q	Q	Q	W	Q
37	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	L	L	L	L	L	L
47	W	L	L	W	Q	L	L	L	L	V	V	V	V	I	V
48	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	V	R
58	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	R	R	R	R	R	R
61	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	F	F	F	F	F	F
62	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	Y	Y	Y	Y	F	F
71	Y	F	F	Y	Y	F	F	F	F	L	L	L	L	Y	Y
73	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	I	I	I	I	L	I
75	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	D	D	D	D	I	V
78	M	I	V	I	V	M	I	V	I	D	D	D	D	I	V
82	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
83															
84	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A
86	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	Y	Y
88	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	T	T	T	T	C	T
102	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	L	L	L	L	T	L
104	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	I	I	I	I	L	I
106	L	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I					L	I

An inward-pointing residue is designated as buried if at least 50% of its side chain is inaccessible to solvent. Solvent accessibilities were computed as described previously (Padlan, 1990b); residue exposure is defined in the context of an isolated domain. See footnote to Table 16 for the definition of solvent accessibility. The coordinates used were those considered in Table 18.

Table 21. Inward-pointing, buried framework residues in the V<sub>H</sub> of murine Fab's of known three-dimensional structure

Position	Antibody														NC41
	J539	McPC603	HyHEL-10	HyHEL-5	R19.9	4-4-20	BV04-01	36-71	B13I2	D1.3	Yst9-1	AN02	17/9	8F5	
2	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	I
4	L	L	L	L	L	P	L	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	LQKVICAYFWK
6	E	E	E	Q	Q	E	Q	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
12	V	V	V	M	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
18	L	L	L	V	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	
20	L	L	L	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
22	C	C	C	V	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
24	A	T	F	Y	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	
27	F	F	F	F	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	
29	F	F	F	I	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	
36	W	W	W	R	R	K	K	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
38	R	R	R												
40															
46															
48	I	I	A	M	E	I	I	V	V	I	V	L	L	I	M
49															
66															
67	F	R	F	R	R	A	T	V	V	T	R	R	R	R	RFFL
69	I	F	V	I	I	F	V	F	F	V	F	F	F	F	
71	R	R	R	R	A	A	V	R	F	I	R	I	I	I	AIV
73															
76															
78	L	L	Y	A	A	S	L	A	L	L	V	L	L	F	ALLIDAFCRTLV
80	L	L	L	M	M	V	L	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
82	M	M	L	L	V	D	L	M	L	L	D	D	D	D	
82c	V	D	D	D	A	D	A	M	D	D	A	A	A	A	
86	D	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	C	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	
88	A	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
90	C	C	C	N	T	T	T	R	T	T	C	C	C	C	
92	R	R	R	T	V	V	V	V	V	V	R	R	R	R	
94															
107	T	T	T												
109	V	V	V												
111	V	V	V												

See footnote to Table 20.

25), would be retained. With this procedure also, the number of framework residues in xenogeneic domains, that would be needed to be replaced by human residues, was found to be not very large in the cases examined (Padlan, 1991).

#### *Structural aspects which relate to catalysis by antibodies*

Antibodies can be elicited against essentially any structure (if presented properly) so that it may be possible to generate catalytic antibodies of any desired specificity. However, antibodies capable of high enzymatic rates may not be so readily obtainable.

It is difficult to compare the interaction between antibody and antigen and that between enzyme and substrate. While we can analyse the interatomic contacts in an antibody-antigen complex (in the crystal), a comparable study cannot be performed on an enzyme-substrate complex, which is usually of fleeting existence. However, a comparison could be attempted using the more stable enzyme-inhibitor complexes, of which a number have been elucidated by X-ray diffraction.

The interactions of various enzymes with protein and peptide inhibitors are presented in Table 26. By and large, the interactions shown in Table 26 are comparable to those presented in Table 14 between antibodies and their specific ligands, except in one respect: more main chain atoms are found to be involved in the enzyme-inhibitor interactions than in the antibody-ligand complexes. This is especially noticeable in the case of hydrogen-bond formation (see also Janin and Chothia, 1990). In the three anti-lysozyme-lysozyme complexes, on average only 15% of the atomic contacts involve main chain atoms, whereas in the enzyme-protein inhibitor complexes the main-chain involvement is almost three times as great; in regard to the hydrogen bonds, in the anti-lysozyme-lysozyme complexes, only about 7% involve main chain atoms, whereas in the enzyme-protein inhibitor complexes, almost one-half of the hydrogen bonds involve main chain atoms. The number of interatomic contacts between antibody and peptide ligand (Table 14) and between enzyme and peptide inhibitor (Table 26) are roughly the same, but here again there are more hydrogen bonds involving main chain atoms in the enzyme-peptide inhibitor than in antibody-peptide complexes.

The polypeptide backbone is more restricted in its movements than are side chains. Furthermore, hydrogen bonds involving main chain atoms are more "directed" and will be stronger (Jeffrey and Saenger, 1991). Compared to antibody combining sites, the active sites of enzymes are more rigid, being constructed with main-chain and side-chain components that are held in place by strong interactions with surrounding structural elements. A ligand would therefore be interacting with a much less deformable site in an enzyme than in an antibody.

The plasticity of the combining site could have serious implications for the enzymatic activity of catalytic anti-

bodies. A flexible active site cannot produce as much "strain" (Jencks, 1969) on the substrate as could a rigid site and this may result in the diminution of enzymatic efficiency. The observation that most of the binding to antigen involves side chain atoms is perhaps an omen that antibodies with catalytic efficiencies comparable to those of enzymes will be a rarity.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

Antibodies are remarkable molecules and serve as paradigms for macromolecular recognition. They have a binding site that is designed to accommodate ligands of variable structure (the combining site) and sites that bind to ligands of constant structure (e.g. the C1q binding site). The available crystallographic data allow us to assess only the first of these sites (the combining site), but nature's use of structure to achieve a particular function is already evident from this example.

The basic element used in the construction of an antibody molecule is the anti-parallel  $\beta$ -pleated sheet, which is strong because the hydrogen-bonding pattern involves not just one stretch of polypeptide chain, as in an  $\alpha$ -helix, but several in a synergistic arrangement. The individual strands in a  $\beta$ -sheet would be resistant to proteolytic digestion and the sheet might not unravel even if some of the loops connecting the strands were cleaved. Indeed, the connecting loops could be varied in size and sequence and still preserve the basic structure of the  $\beta$ -sheet (as is seen in the variable domains).

If one were to construct a binding site that could better withstand the action of digestive enzymes, one is well served to use the surface of a  $\beta$ -sheet. Moreover, the chances of preserving that site during evolution would be good, since such a site can better survive mutational events. In view of the stability of the sheet structure, about the only mutation that can significantly affect the binding site structure is one that alters a ligand-contacting residue; replacements of even the residues immediately adjacent to the ligand-contacting residues, unless drastic, may have little effect on the topography of the exposed surface.

On the other hand, if one were to construct a binding site that is deformable and that is easily varied (by mutation), one would choose to build it with loops. The structure of a loop is very sensitive to changes in length and sequence. Moreover, the residues in a loop are more likely to be exposed to solvent, and, thereby, are more available for ligand binding, than residues in a  $\beta$ -sheet. A survey of the exposures of the residues in the J539 and Kol V<sub>L</sub> and V<sub>H</sub> (computed in the context of isolated domains) reveals that the ratio of exposed (mE and Ex designations as defined in the footnote to Table 16) to buried (mB and Bu designations) residues is 0.70 when in the  $\beta$ -sheets (theoretically, this should be close to 1.0 since in an infinite sheet every other residue would be buried) and 1.72 when in the CDRs. Since some CDR residues are in fact in the sheets, the difference would have been even

Table 22. The framework residues in  $V_L$  which are in contact with CDRs or with  $V_H$  and those which are inward-pointing in murine Fab's of known three-dimensional structure

	10	20	35	40	49	60	70	80	88	98	107
J539	E.I.L.Q....T.A....V.I.C		WYQQ....SP.PWIY			.V..RF.....T.Y.L.I..M...D.A.YYC				F...T.L.L.	
McPC603	DIVMTQ....L.V....V.M.C		WYQQ....PP.LLIY			.V.DRF....S.TDF.L.I..V...D.A.YYC				FGA.T.L.I.	
HyHEL-10	DIVLTQ....L.V....V.L.C	C	WYQQ....SP.LLIK			C.I.RF....S.T.F.L.I..V...D..MYFC	C	F...T.L.I.			
HyHEL-5	DIVL.Q....M.A....V.M.C		WYQQ....SP.RWIY			.V..RF.....T.Y.L.I..M...D.A.YYC				FG..T.L...	
B19.9	DIGMTQ....L.A....V.I.C	D	WYQQ....TVKLLIY			D.V.RF....TDY.L.I..L...D.A.YFC	D	F.G.T.L...			
4-4-20	DVVMTQ....L.V....A.I.C		WYIQ....SPKVLIY			.V.DRF.....T.F.L.I..V...D...Y.C				F...T.L...	
Xst9-1	DIGMTQ....L.A....V.I.C	R	WYQQ....G.V.LLIY			R.V..RF....TDY.L.I..L...D.A.YIC	R	FG..T.L.I.			
36-71	DIQM.Q....L.A....V.I.C		WYQQ....G.I.LLIY			.V..RF.....TDY.L.I..L...D.A.YFC		F...T.L...			
B1312	DVLM.QT....L.V....A.I.C		WYIQ....SP.LLIY			.V.DRFS....TDF.L.I..V...D...YYC		F...T.L.I.			
D1.3	DI.MTQ....L.A....V.I.C	1	WYQQ....SP.LLVY			2.V..RF....S.T.Y.L.I..L...DF..YYC	3	F.G.T.L...			
BW04-01	.V.MTQ....L.V....A.I.C		WYIQ....QSP.LLIY			.V..RF....TDY.L.E..V...D...YFC		F.A.T.L...			
Ab02	QIVLTQ....M.A....V.M.C		WYQQ....GSSP.LLIY			.V.VRF.....T.Y.L.I..M...D.A.YYC		F.V.T.L.L.			
17/9	DIVMTQ....L.V....V.M.C		WYQQ....G.PP.VLIY			.V.DRF....S.TDF.L.I..V...D.A.YYC		F...T.L...			
8F5	DIVMTQ....L.V....V.MTC		WYQQ....SP.LLIY			.V.DRFT....S.T.F.L.I..V...D.A.YYC		F...T.L.L.			
NC41	DIVMTQ....M.T....V.I.C		WYQQ....SP.LLIY			.V.DRF.....Y.L.I..V...D.A.YYC		F...T.L.I.			
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Summary of the results presented in Tables 8, and 18-21.

†Residues which contact the opposite domain.

\*Residues which contact CDRs.

\*Residues which have been found to be involved in antigen binding.

Table 23. The framework residues in  $V_{H1}$  which are in contact with CDRs or with  $V_{L}$  and those which are inward-pointing in murine Fab's of known three-dimensional structure

	10	20	30	40	49	70	82abc	90	102	110
J539	.V.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.A..FDFS			WVRQ...KGLEWI.	KF.I.R.N....L.L.M.V...D.A.YYCAR					
McPC603	.V.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.T..FTFS			WVRQ...RLEWIA	RFIV.R.T....L.L.M.L...D.A.YYCAR					
EyHEL-10	.V.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.V..IT	C		WIRK...N.LEYMG	C RI.I.R.....Y.L.L.V...D.A.YYCAN	C				
EyHEL-5	.L.Q.....M.....V.I.C.A..YTFS			WVKQR...GLEWI.	KA.F.A.....A.M.LN.L...D...YYCLH					
R19.9	.V.L.Q.....V.....V.M.C.A..YTFT	D		WVKQ...GLEWI.	KT.L.V.R....A.M.LR.L...D.A.YFCAR	D				
4-4-20	.L.E.....V.....M.L.C.A..FTFS			WVRQS...LEWVA	RTI.R.D...S.V.L.M..L...D...YYCT.					
Yst9-1	EV.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.T..FTFT	R		WVRQ...ALWL.	RTI.R.N....L.L.M..L...D.A.YYCTR	R				
36-71	EV.L.Q.....V.....V.M.C.A..YTFT			WVKQ...Q.LEWI.	KT.L.V.K....A.M.L..L...D.A.YFCAR					
B13/2	.V.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.A..FTFS			WVRQ...K.L.WVA	RF.I.R.N....L.L.M..L...D.A.YYCTR					
D1.3	.V.L.E.....V.....L.I.C.V..F.IT	1		WVRQ...GLEWL.	RL.I.K....V.L.M..L...D.A.YYCAR	3				
BV04-01	E.P.E.....V.....L.L.C.A..FSFN			WVRQ...K.LEWVA	RF.I.R.D....L.L.M..L...D.A.YYCVR					
AN02	.V.L.E.....V.....Q.L.C.V..YSIT			WIRQ...NKLEWM.	RISI.R.....F.L.LK.V...D.A.YFCAR					
17/9	.V.L.E.....V.....L.L.C.A..FSFS			WVRQ...K.LEWVA	RTI.R.N....L.L.M..L...D.A.YYCAR					
8F5	.V.L.Q.....V.....V.L.C.T..F.IK			WVKQR...GLEWI.	KA.I.V.T....A.L.L..L...D.A.YYCD.					
NC4.1	.I.L.Q.....K.....V.I.C.A..Y.FT			W.KQ...GLEWM.	RF.F.L....A.L.I..L...D.A.FFCAR					
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See footnote for Table 22.

Table 24. Solvent exposures of side chains of framework residues in Kol and J539 V<sub>L</sub>

Position	Residue	Fractional accessibility				78	L	0.00	Bu	M	0.00	Bu
		Kol	Exposure	J539	Residue							
1	Q	1.00	Ex	E	0.99	Ex	79	Q	0.76	mE	E	0.63
2	S	1.00	Ex	I	0.16	Bu	80	S	1.00	Ex	A	0.96
3	V	0.77	mE	V	0.87	Ex	81	E	0.78	mE	E	0.91
4	L	0.00	Bu	L	0.00	Bu	82	D	0.09	Bu	D	0.13
5	T	0.92	Ex	T	0.80	mE	83	E	0.64	mE	A	0.55
6	Q	0.00	Bu	Q	0.00	Bu	84	T	0.34	mB	A	0.00
7	P	0.62	mE	S	0.89	Ex	85	D	0.30	mB	I	0.58
8	P	1.00	Ex	P	0.67	mE	86	Y	0.00	Bu	Y	0.00
9	—	—	—	A	1.00	Ex	87	Y	0.16	Bu	Y	0.11
10	S	1.00	Ex	I	0.94	Ex	88	C	0.00	Bu	C	0.00
11	A	0.34	mB	T	0.30	mB	98	F	0.04	Bu	F	0.00
12	S	0.71	mE	A	0.59	pB	99	G	0.00	Bu	G	1.00
13	G	1.00	Ex	A	0.00	Bu	100	T	0.59	pB	A	1.00
14	T	0.73	mE	S	0.78	mE	101	G	1.00	Ex	G	0.00
15	P	0.75	mE	L	0.79	mE	102	T	0.00	Bu	T	0.00
16	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex	103	K	0.82	Ex	K	0.79
17	Q	0.69	mE	Q	0.64	mE	104	V	0.00	Bu	L	0.00
18	R	0.79	mE	K	0.74	mE	105	T	0.86	Ex	E	0.89
19	V	0.21	mB	V	0.22	mB	106	V	0.19	Bu	L	0.44
20	T	0.62	mE	T	0.65	mE	106a	L	0.70	mE	—	—
21	I	0.00	Bu	I	0.00	Bu	107	G	1.00	Ex	K	0.77
22	S	0.92	Ex	T	0.69	mE						
23	C	0.00	Bu	C	0.00	Bu						
35	W	0.00	Bu	W	0.00	Bu						
36	Y	0.00	Bu	Y	0.00	Bu						
37	Q	0.46	pB	Q	0.14	Bu						
38	Q	0.00	Bu	Q	0.24	mB						
39	L	0.75	mE	K	0.69	mE						
40	P	0.91	Ex	S	1.00	Ex						
41	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex						
42	M	0.74	mE	T	0.90	Ex						
43	A	0.62	mE	S	0.30	mB						
44	P	0.00	Bu	P	0.00	Bu						
45	K	0.95	Ex	K	0.90	Ex						
46	L	0.23	mB	P	0.43	pB						
47	L	0.15	Bu	W	0.16	Bu						
48	I	0.00	Bu	I	0.00	Bu						
49	Y	0.39	mB	Y	0.42	pB						
57	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex						
58	V	0.14	Bu	V	0.13	Bu						
59	P	0.70	mE	P	0.61	mE						
60	D	0.95	Ex	A	1.00	Ex						
61	R	0.31	mB	R	0.36	mB						
62	F	0.12	Bu	F	0.00	Bu						
63	S	0.85	Ex	S	0.94	Ex						
64	G	0.00	Bu	G	0.00	Bu						
65	S	1.00	Ex	S	1.00	Ex						
66	K	0.41	pB	G	1.00	Ex						
67	S	1.00	Ex	S	1.00	Ex						
68	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex						
69	A	0.71	mE	T	0.75	mE						
70	S	1.00	Ex	S	0.98	Ex						
71	A	0.00	Bu	Y	0.09	Bu						
72	S	1.00	Ex	S	0.70	mE						
73	L	0.00	Bu	L	0.00	Bu						
74	A	0.74	mE	T	0.43	pB						
75	I	0.00	Bu	I	0.00	Bu						
76	G	1.00	Ex	N	0.83	Ex						
77	G	1.00	Ex	T	0.83	Ex						

See footnote to Table 16 for the definition of solvent accessibility.

more pronounced if only the CDR residues which are in loop regions were used in the comparison. Thus the mutation of a loop residue could have a profound effect on ligand binding, either directly, since by being more accessible the residue is more likely to be involved in the contact, or indirectly, since a change in its character could more easily affect the conformation of the local structure or that of the whole loop.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that C1q binding, which is a desirable trait in all antibody types, (probably) involves residues in a sheet, while antigen binding involves loops.

One wonders whether deformability is built into (some) CDR structures. Deformability of the combining site structure may permit "induced fit", which could result in better binding to ligand. Deformability may also result in the capacity to bind to many different ligands (polyreactivity). The ability to react to a greater variety of antigens using fewer antibodies, albeit with low affinity, affords an organism a distinct survival advantage. The observation that the occurrence of glycines in CDR3-H is a natural consequence of the preferred mode of transcription of D-gene segments (Abergel and Claverie, 1991) is of relevance. In view of the fact that glycines can confer flexibility to a polypeptide segment and that CDR3-H is often observed to play a central role in ligand binding, a deformable combining site may be the norm. It would be interesting to compare pre-immune and mature antibodies in this respect. Are pre-immune antibodies more deformable than mature ones? Is the rigidification of the combining site structure a factor in affinity maturation?

An increased rigidity of the combining site can be achieved by reducing the inherent flexibility of the individual CDRs (by reducing the number of glycines,

Table 25. Solvent exposures of side chains of framework residues in Kol and J539 V<sub>H</sub>

Position	Residue	Fractional accessibility		Residue	Exposure	81	Q	0.53	pB	Q	0.69	mE	
		Kol	J539										
1	E	1.00	Ex	E	1.00	Ex	82	M	0.00	Bu	M	0.00	Bu
2	V	0.23	mB	V	0.37	mB	82a	D	0.73	mE	S	0.58	pB
3	Q	0.82	Ex	K	0.82	Ex	82b	S	0.98	Ex	K	0.96	Ex
4	L	0.00	Bu	L	0.10	Bu	82c	L	0.00	Bu	V	0.00	Bu
5	V	0.87	Ex	L	1.00	Ex	83	R	0.73	mE	R	0.83	Ex
6	Q	0.00	Bu	E	0.09	Bu	84	P	0.75	mE	S	0.90	Ex
7	S	0.94	Ex	S	0.94	Ex	85	E	0.82	Ex	E	0.90	Ex
8	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex	86	D	0.00	Bu	D	0.11	Bu
9	G	0.00	Bu	G	0.00	Bu	87	T	0.54	pB	T	0.47	pB
10	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex	88	G	1.00	Ex	A	0.00	Bu
11	V	0.90	Ex	L	0.81	Ex	89	V	0.58	pB	L	0.63	mE
12	V	0.25	mB	V	0.25	mB	90	Y	0.00	Bu	Y	0.00	Bu
13	Q	0.71	mE	Q	0.87	Ex	91	F	0.00	Bu	Y	0.08	Bu
14	P	0.59	pB	P	0.64	mE	92	C	0.00	Bu	C	0.00	Bu
15	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex	93	A	0.00	Bu	A	0.00	Bu
16	R	0.73	mE	G	1.00	Ex	94	R	0.17	Bu	R	0.15	Bu
17	S	0.66	mE	S	0.75	mE	103	W	0.09	Bu	W	0.07	Bu
18	L	0.28	mB	L	0.26	mB	104	G	0.00	Bu	G	1.00	Ex
19	R	0.66	nE	K	0.75	mE	105	Q	0.93	Ex	Q	0.99	Ex
20	L	0.00	Bu	L	0.00	Bu	106	G	0.00	Bu	G	0.00	Bu
21	S	0.71	mE	S	0.82	Ex	107	T	0.22	mB	T	0.26	mB
22	C	0.00	Bu	C	0.00	Bu	108	P	0.99	Ex	L	0.67	mE
23	S	1.00	Ex	A	1.00	Ex	109	V	0.00	Bu	V	0.00	Bu
24	S	0.00	Bu	A	0.00	Bu	110	T	0.76	mE	T	0.69	mE
25	S	0.87	Ex	S	1.00	Ex	111	V	0.00	Bu	V	0.00	Bu
26	G	1.00	Ex	G	1.00	Ex	112	S	0.98	Ex	S	0.74	mE
27	F	0.10	Bu	F	0.10	Bu	113	S	0.94	Ex	A	0.84	Ex

See footnote to Table 16 for the definition of solvent accessibility.

increasing the number of prolines or asparagines, by shortening the CDR, etc), by increasing the interaction of the CDRs or of the individual CDR residues with surrounding structures (framework and other CDRs), by replacing critical CDR residues with amino acids having fewer degrees of freedom, and/or by strengthening the V<sub>L</sub>-V<sub>H</sub> interaction. In this regard, it is interesting to note that the residues which have been replaced during the maturation of the anti-2-phenyloxazolone response, the ligand-contacting residues at positions 34 and 36 of the light chain (Alzari *et al.*, 1990), are also frequently found to be involved in the V<sub>L</sub>-V<sub>H</sub> contact (Table 8a).

Another contact that deserves mention is that between framework and CDRs within each domain. The observation that a framework residue can influence the conformation of a CDR implies that differences in framework structure, albeit small, could have a significant effect on the specificity of the combining site. This could explain in part why particular variable region families or subgroups are found to be associated with certain antigen-binding specificities. Conversely, particular CDR-framework combinations may not be favorable and may not be formed (see also Kirkham *et al.*, 1992).

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Table 26. Various enzyme-polypeptide inhibitor interactions

PDB Code	Enzyme	Surf. buried	Ligand	Surf. buried	vdW	m.c.vdW	H.b.	m.c.	H.b.	I.p.
1CSE	Subtilisin Carlsberg	667	Eglin C	667	162	75	16	7	0	
3TEC	Thermitase	674	Eglin C	670	158	64	16	7	0	
2PTC	$\beta$ -trypsin	714	BPTI	588	170	78	16	5	0	
2SNI	Subtilisin novo	776	Chyt. inhib. (barley)	742	180	70	13	9	0	
1CHO	$\alpha$ -Chyt.	701	Ovomucoid (turkey)	628	138	69	12	8	0	
2KAI	Kallikrein A	694	BPTI	606	179	77	14	6	0	
3SGB	Proteinase B (S. Griseus)	571	Ovomucoid (turkey)	545	144	67	11	7	0	
4SGB	Proteinase B (S. Griseus)	578	Chyt. inhib. (potato)	517	126	62	9	5	0	
1TAB	Trypsin	662	Prot. inhib. (Bowman-Birk)	584	134	69	13	5	1	
4CPA	Carboxypep. A	598	Carb. inhib. (potato)	483	96	21	9	1	1	
3APR	Rhizopuspep.	709	Peptide inhibitor	551	145	36	9	5	0	
4ER4	Endothiapep.	814	Peptide inhibitor	696	168	54	10	5	1	

See footnote to Table 4 for the definition of contacts.

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TABLE 3. Comparison of the percent identity between the human  $V_h$  families <sup>a,b</sup>

Family	Gene	$V_{h1}$		$V_{h2}$		$V_{h3}$		$V_{h4}$		$V_{h5}$		$V_{h6}$
		51p1	MC1	M60	$V_{h26}$	$V_{h3005}$	71-2	4-21	251	32	15p1	
$V_{h1}$	20p3	[82]	34	32	53	53	48	50	65	66	38	
	51p1		34	32	57	58	48	48	65	66	41	
$V_{h2}$	MC1			[92]	47	49	57	51	38	40	51	
	M60				48	48	55	52	39	40	49	
$V_{h3}$	$V_{h26}$					[80]	55	54	53	56	50	
	$V_{h3005}$						55	51	55	58	51	
$V_{h4}$	71-2						[68]	50	50	52	68	
	4-21							50	54	81		
$V_{h5}$	251							50	[92]	41		
	32									43		

<sup>a</sup>Note the boxed values on the diagonals illustrating the >80% identity between family members.<sup>b</sup>Numbers represent degree of identity between germline-encoded V regions at the protein level.

ability is much more limited—restricted to occasional small insertions (31) and sequence variation at one position. This “junctional diversity” in CDR3 serves to boost the number of possible different sequences to well over the number of B cell clones produced in an individual's lifetime (2). However, the overall number of potential antibody sequences is higher still due to somatic hypermutation, which can alter residues throughout the variable region.

#### Fv Structure and Diversity In Three Dimensions

The vast sequence repertoire resulting from somatic recombination and hypermutation provides merely the theoretical “realm of possibility” for diversity. The true repertoire of binding specificities results from the folding of variable region polypeptides into immunoglobulin domains and subsequent assembly into unique, competent Fv modules. Fv structure therefore provides the

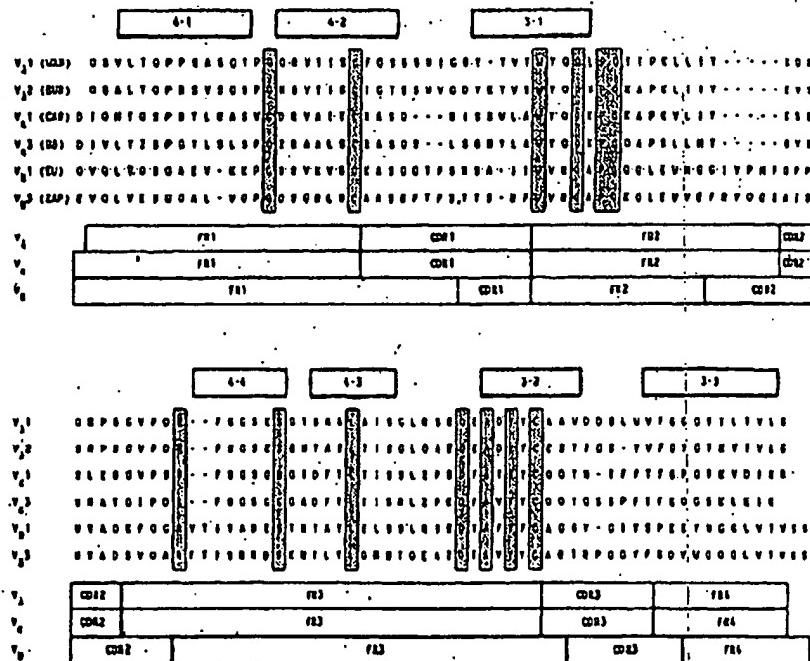


FIG. 6. Sequence alignments of six variable regions. Sequences are aligned using the DNASTAR® program (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI) to maximize homology by introducing gaps (—). Strongly conserved residues are boxed and shaded. Boxes below the sequences label the extent of the statistical features of V regions. Note the differences in length between heavy and light chain CDRs 1 and 2.

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V <sub>H</sub> CAR CDR	DIGHYDYLKASYCIVVITGRASSHII					CDW	LAVYDZGKAPVIIYTCVLEKQYPERFEEELSTDFLTIIISLQGDPAIIVYCCWII							
V <sub>H</sub> DIL TEW	...V...-LS-PVTP-EPAS-B-B-B-FL													
V <sub>H</sub> CLL BLA1	...V...-A-V-D-B-ATL8...-TV...-B-													
V <sub>H</sub> 917 JI	...V...-G-A-V-L-E-A-T-B-E-S-ELLY-CHEOT...-GP...-T-L...-CA-TS...-G...-A-V-V...-THLP													
R1	CDR1	FR1	CDR2	FR2	CDR3	FR3	CDR4	FR4	CDR5	FR5	CDR6	FR6	CDR7	FR7
V <sub>H</sub> 2023 3P1	EVVYDQAEVYDPCAYVIVYVCKAEGTIP	TCTTYDARGKAPCILEVWQDII	PQQGTTTAAK/CGVYVTTDTTSI	SATKELSLALRQD	TAATVYVCA									
V <sub>H</sub> 2 C11 COR	...V...-PALV-ATMILTLT-LP-LEVWV-AV...-V-A-...													
V <sub>H</sub> 3 3P1 3P1	...V...-LE-CAV...-G-LI...-A...-V...-V-A...-...													
V <sub>H</sub> 71-2 V <sub>H</sub> 2-1	...V...-G-LV...-G-TL...-L-T...-G-V...-G-V...-...													
V <sub>H</sub> 251 32	...V...-G-LV...-G-TL...-L-T...-G-V...-G-V...-...													
V <sub>H</sub> 15P1	...V...-G-LV...-G-TL...-L-T...-G-V...-G-V...-...													
R1	CDR1	FR1	CDR2	FR2	CDR3	FR3	CDR4	FR4	CDR5	FR5	CDR6	FR6	CDR7	FR7

FIG. 10. Alignment of representative sequences from human (A) V<sub>H</sub> and (B) V<sub>L</sub> families. Dashes signify identity with the top sequence while gaps are indicated with blank spaces. Again, boundaries of CDRs and FRs are labeled beneath the sequences. Note the substitutions common to each pair from a family relative to the top sequences ("linked substitutions").

three-dimensional context in which the different amino acids interact to create diverse ligand-binding sites (paratopes). As mentioned earlier, V domains possess solvent-exposed bends/loops that connect the strands of the  $\beta$ -barrel; the loops that fall within CDRs (termed H1, 2, 3 and L1, 2, 3 in the heavy and light chain, respectively) are brought together by VH:VL dimerization to create the ligand-binding surface as in Fig. 8. Sequence variation of two types in these loops clearly affects ligand recognition and provides the most obvious source of structural variety. First, CDRs vary significantly in length, largely as function of germline V-gene usage; this provides considerable paratope plasticity in terms of overall surface area and number of adoptable conformations. Second, by definition CDRs vary in sequence composition based on gene usage, junctional diversity (CDR3), and bypermutation; this serves to alter local secondary structure and paratope surface properties such as charge, polarity, and aromaticity. Since framework residues near the CDR boundaries often directly interact with antigen (32), alterations in these amino acids similarly affect the paratope surface.

The hypervariable regions also display a critical and far more subtle form of diversity in the form of conformational variability. Of course CDR backbone trajectory is strongly influenced by alterations of resident amino acids, especially those (usually Pro and Gly) that allow bending through the adoption of unusual torsion angles (27); occasional N-glycosylation of CDR asparagine residues has also been implicated in alteration of loop conformation and binding properties (33,34). Additionally, however, CDR loops can extensively interact

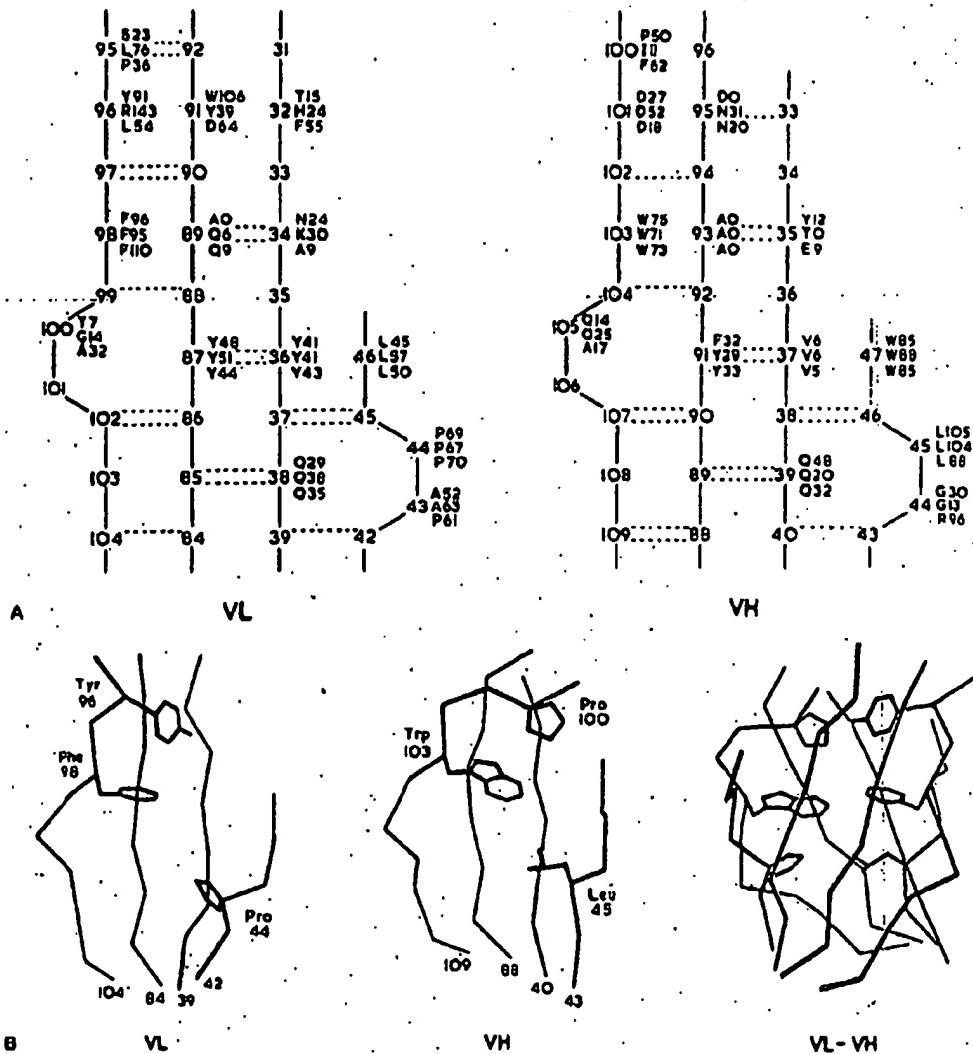
with each other and with nearby framework residues as shown by two particularly striking examples from x-ray crystallography. In the first, the heavy chain framework residue at position 71 was shown to determine the conformation of the short HCDR2 loop (35). In the second, an anti-azophenylarsonate antibody, HCDR1 served as the surface on which the long HCDR2 packed; also, a Tyr to Phe mutation in LCDR1 altered the conformation of HCDR3 (17). The hypothesis that binding site structure results from multiple interactions between CDRs and frameworks gains further support from efforts to "humanize" antibodies. In these experiments, the antigen-binding loops from rodent monoclonal antibodies are grafted into human Fv frameworks in an effort to produce nonantigenic immunoglobulins for human therapy (36). In one experiment, the loops from mAb D1.3 (anti-lysozyme  $K_D = 3.7$  nM) were grafted into human frameworks that differed from the natural mouse frameworks by 48 amino acids—the total for heavy and light chains (37). The "humanization" was accompanied by a large drop in affinity to a  $K_D$  of 260 nM. Significantly, the reversion of one framework residue to wild type increased the  $K_{on}$  and reconstituted affinity to  $K_D = 77$  nM; simultaneous reversion of three other framework residues decreased the  $K_{on}$  and further restored affinity to  $K_D = 14$  nM.

The VH:VL dimer interface, of which 25% is CDR side chains (26), also influences paratope morphology. The two V domains dimerize via their five-strand sides in a manner unique among all known protein structures (26). The actual interface consists of the four strands C-C-F-G. Usually  $\beta$ -sheets pack so that residues in the mid-

idle strands form most of the contacts between the layers; this is how the two sides of a domain sandwich associate and how constant domains dimerize. In V regions, however, conserved  $\beta$ -bulges in the edge strands (C' and G) flip the side chains from those strands into the interior of the dimer such that edge residues form the bulk of a cylindrical core as in Fig. 11. Due to this peculiar arrangement, alterations in core side chains (both CDR and FR)

may result in rotations of the V domains of up to 6 degrees relative to each other (38)—resulting in slight repositioning of the CDRs and yet another means of structural diversification. As will be seen in Chapter 12, high affinity and specificity depend on a large number of precisely coordinated, weak interactions between the epitope and paratope. The multiple modes of three-dimensional diversity provide antibodies with the "fine-

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**FIG. 11.** The bulge structures in V regions. A: Two-dimensional view of V-region sequences along the dimerization face (four out of five strands are used). Consecutive residues are connected by solid lines while hydrogen bonds between  $\beta$ -strands are denoted by dashed lines. The conserved bulge residues are represented by protrusions on the edge strands C' and G. B: Three-dimensional representation of part A showing the flipping of edge residues into the interface. The right-most drawing shows the  $V_L$  and  $V_W$  faces associated to form the dimer interface. (From ref. 28, with permission.)

tuning" vital to the orchestration of those weak interactions.

#### Antigen-Antibody Interactions

As with all molecular associations, an antigen-antibody interaction occurs only if the binding reaction releases enough free energy to be thermodynamically favored—affinity correlating exponentially with free energy (covered in detail in Chapter 12). The required free energy is a sum of entropic and enthalpic components with increases in entropy and decreases in enthalpy favoring association. Few association reactions both increase entropy and decrease enthalpy, however; rather, a favorable change in one of the components overwhelms a smaller, unfavorable change in the other. For example, protein folding requires that much of the polypeptide become sequestered in hydrophobic core regions, which eliminates interactions between water molecules and much of the protein. The resultant gain in enthalpy presents a barrier to the folding process (as does the loss of protein conformational entropy following adoption of an ordered, native state). However, since the large numbers of excluded water molecules no longer are spatially constrained by interaction with the hydrophobic core, a large increase in solvent entropy takes place. It is this entropy gain that drives protein folding in the face of an enthalpic barrier. Antigen-antibody interactions exhibit the opposite relationship between entropy and enthalpy. As an immunoglobulin binds its ligand, the ability of one molecule to move relative to the other is lost; similarly, the binding reaction freezes most of the conformational motions of the epitope and the backbones and side chains of the paratope. Thus antibodies face significant entropic barriers to antigen binding.

The structural properties of antigen-antibody interactions directly reflect the need to overcome unfavorable entropy changes by both limiting the loss of entropy and maximizing the loss in enthalpy. At the amino acid level, this results in an enrichment for amino acids such as Tyr, Trp, Ser, and Asn in combining sites (39) (Table 4). These amino acids have fewer conformational degrees of freedom than the other amino acids and therefore less entropy to lose upon ligand binding. They additionally participate in a large variety of interactions such as hydrogen bonds, van der Waals, dipole-dipole, and aromatic  $\pi$ -stacking (Tyr and Trp); all of which contribute to the enthalpic changes required to drive the binding reaction. Of course other amino acids and other types of interactions (e.g., salt bridges) are employed as needed. The same thermodynamic considerations also dictate that the interacting surfaces of the antigen and the antibody be as large and as close as possible. Somewhat analogously to the protein folding situation, large interaction areas exclude more bound water—thus somewhat offset-

TABLE 4. Percentage composition of amino acids in different parts of antibodies of different species compared with the vertebrate average

Amino Acid	Vertebrate average	Variable regions	CDR Loops	Potential binding positions	Known binding positions
ala	7.2	6.4	7.1	3.5	1.1
arg	4.9	3.6	3.8	2.8	5.7
asn	4.1	2.6	7.4	11.2	8.8
asp	5.4	3.8	5.1	6.1	8.0
cys	2.5	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
gln	3.9	5.7	4.3	0.8	1.1
glu	6.8	3.4	2.4	2.4	3.4
gly	7.6	9.4	7.0	8.7	8.0
his	2.2	0.8	2.4	3.9	2.3
ile	5.0	4.0	3.4	3.4	1.1
leu	8.7	7.8	5.1	2.4	1.1
lys	6.5	4.4	4.1	2.8	0.0
met	2.3	1.8	2.1	0.2	0.0
phe	4.1	3.0	2.5	2.3	3.4
pro	4.9	4.5	2.8	3.7	3.4
ser	7.0	13.8	17.3	14.9	13.6
thr	5.6	8.7	6.1	5.9	4.6
trp	1.3	2.1	1.9	5.5	10.2
tyr	3.2	5.3	11.1	17.3	25.0
val	6.8	6.9	4.1	2.3	1.1

Adapted from ref 39.

The "known positions" column shows frequencies derived from six Fab-ligand structures obtained from crystallography. The other column headings present usage frequencies obtained from predictions based on the sequences compiled in ref. 23. Residues mentioned in the text are boxed.

ting the loss of protein entropy with a gain in solvent entropy. Large contact areas, more importantly, contribute to binding enthalpy by allowing many simultaneous interactions of all sorts to take place between the epitope and paratope. Structurally, this need for maximum contact surface leads to two types of binding site: a deep cleft that snugly surrounds small ligands such as peptides and low molecular weight organics or a broad face that is complementary to an equally broad epitope on large protein antigens. Colorplates 1 and 2 show notable examples of each type. Colorplate 1 shows the complex between an eight amino acid peptide and its paratope—clearly demonstrating the intricate groove in which the antigen binds; fully  $620 \text{ \AA}^2$  of peptide are buried in the paratope—almost as much as in protein-antibody complexes (40). This much contact is required to overcome the extreme conformational flexibility that small peptides possess. Colorplate 1B also demonstrates a phenomenon typical of "small-ligand" interactions; namely, one of the CDRs (L2: the irregular protrusion high and to the left in the picture) makes no contact with the bound peptide. Colorplate 2 shows the *en face* type of interaction for three anti-lysozyme antibodies that recognize different epitopes (32). These complexes utilize all six CDRs and involve an average paratope area of approximately  $710 \text{ \AA}^2$ . Note the variety, complementarity, and

# Lack of Promiscuity in Autoantigen-Specific H and L Chain Combinations as Revealed by Human H and L Chain "Roulette"<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT.** Individual H or L chains from a human autoantibody were used to search for other L or H chains that could form antigen-binding fragments, Fab, with the same specificity. The parent Fab (SP1.2) exhibits high affinity binding for thyroid peroxidase (TPO), a 107-kDa protein that is the major autoantigen in human autoimmune thyroiditis. This autoantibody "roulette," performed by using Ig H and L chain gene libraries expressed in bacteria, increased the frequency of TPO-binding clones in the new libraries. However, the frequency was still much lower than would be the case if promiscuous combinations with a variety of H or L chains were compatible with specific Ag binding. Nucleotide sequence analysis of the H and L chains of the new TPO-binding clones revealed even more restriction. Thus, with the SP1.2 H chain, all 11 new Fab utilized L chains from the same V<sub>H</sub>1 family germline gene as SP1.2 itself. Similarly, five of six H chains "captured" by the SP1.2 L chain were very closely related to the SP1.2 H chain. However, one totally different H chain was isolated: SP4.6 has a V<sub>H</sub> region that differs substantially from that of SP1.2. SP4.6 also has a distinct D region, uses a different J<sub>H</sub>, and, unlike SP1.2, which is an IgG1, belongs to subclass IgG4. The affinities for TPO of SP4.6 (with the different H chain) and SP1.20 (which had the least mutated L chain germline gene) were similar to that of SP1.2 ( $\sim 10^{-10}$  M). As expected, the SP1.2 and SP1.20 Fab, which have the same H chain and closely related L chains, bound to the same domain on TPO. However, a similar domain on TPO was recognized by both SP4.6 and SP1.2, despite the fact that their V, D, and J regions are quite different. This observation raises the possibility that the L chain is critical in defining epitope specificity, even in the presence of completely different D regions and nonidentical V<sub>H</sub> regions. *Journal of Immunology*, 1993, 150: 880.

A hallmark of autoimmune thyroid destruction in humans is the presence in serum of high affinity IgG class autoantibodies to TPO,<sup>3</sup> the primary enzyme involved in thyroid hormone synthesis (reviewed in Reference 1). TPO is a glycoprotein of  $\sim$  107 kDa expressed on the surface of thyroid cells (reviewed in Reference 1). Human autoantibodies to TPO are not mon-

oclonal, as evidenced by the contribution of different IgG subclasses and L chain types in the same patient (2, 3).

We have cloned three human IgG1/κ autoantibodies (SP1.2, SP1.4, and SP1.5; previously called SP2, -4, and -5) that bind TPO specifically and with high affinity (4, 5). These autoantibodies were obtained by expressing random combinations of H and L chain Ig genes as Ag-binding fragments, Fab, in a bacteriophage λ library (6) (Fig. 1A). The cDNA in this library was prepared from B cells infiltrating the thyroid gland of a patient with autoimmune

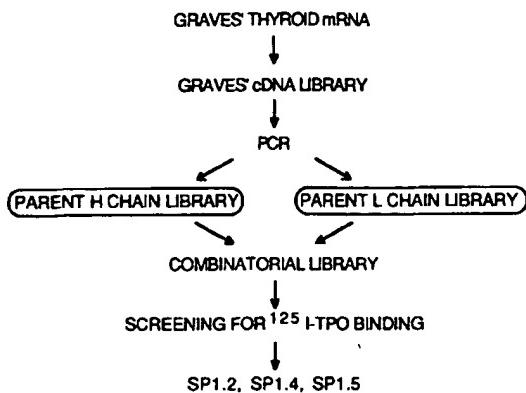
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<sup>3</sup> Abbreviation used in this paper: TPO, thyroid peroxidase.

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**FIGURE 1.** *A*, Outline of the approach (6) used to construct parent H and L chain libraries and the combinatorial library from which TPO-specific Fab SP1.2, SP1.4, and SP1.5 were obtained (4, 5). *B*, combinatorial libraries constructed by using SP1.2 H (or L) chain with the parent L (or H) chain. PCR, polymerase chain reaction.

thyroid disease. The three TPO autoantibody Fab share the identical Ig H chain. The L chains are not the same but are derived from the same  $V_{\kappa}$  germline gene, HSIGKLO12 (7).

Because of the random nature of the H and L chain combinations in our cDNA library, the question arose as to whether the SP Fab autoantibody H chain (or L chain) could combine with a variety of other L chains (or H chains) in the parent library and still bind to TPO. Therefore, we used the SP1.2 H (or L chain) to search for other L (or H) chains in the parent libraries that could form a Fab capable of binding TPO (Fig. 1B). Recently, following a similar approach, it has been reported that there is notable promiscuity in the H and L chain combinations of murine Fab that bind the hapten nitrophenyl phosphonamidate (8). In contrast, our "roulette" experiments demonstrate more restriction in the H and L chain combinations for high affinity binding to a human autoantigen, TPO.

## Materials and Methods

### Library construction and screening

The plasmid of clone SP1.2 (4) was digested with *Xba*I and *Spe*I to release the H chain cDNA insert. Similarly, the L chain cDNA fragment was obtained by *Xba*I and *Sac*I digestion. The inserts were gel purified and ligated into Immunozap H and L arms (Stratacyte, La Jolla, CA),

respectively, to generate a clonal SP1.2 H chain library and a clonal SP1.2 L chain library, respectively (Fig. 1B). These libraries were amplified and the DNA was extracted as described (4). The DNA from the SP1.2 H chain library was digested with *Hind*III followed by *Eco*RI and was ligated with the DNA prepared from the original L chain library (4). Similarly, the DNA from the SP1.2 L chain library was digested with *Mlu*I followed by *Eco*RI and was ligated with the DNA from the original H chain library (4). The original H and L libraries contained >80% inserts of the correct size. The combinatorial libraries were screened in XL1-Blue cells by conventional techniques (9), by using secreted human rTPO (10) that had been labeled with <sup>125</sup>I (to a specific activity of 10 to 20  $\mu$ Ci/ $\mu$ g of protein) by the Iodogen method (11). TPO-binding plaques were cloned to homogeneity and plasmids were excised from the Immunozap bacteriophage by using the helper phage R408, according to the Stratacyte protocol. Nucleotide sequencing of the cDNA inserts was performed by the dideoxynucleotide chain termination method (12).

### Fab expression

Fab were expressed as soluble proteins in XL1-Blue cells, as described previously (5). In brief, protein synthesis was induced with 1 mM isopropylthiogalactopyranoside (Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis, MO) for 1 h at 37°C. The

**Table 1**  
Frequencies of  $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO-binding clones in roulette of SP1.2 H and L chains

Fab Combinatorial Library	Frequency	Plaques Screened
SP H chain $\times$ SP L chain	1:60,000	180,000
SP1.2 L chain $\times$ SP H chain	1:5,000	30,000
SP1.2 H chain $\times$ SP L chain	1:500	15,000

cells were then pelleted, frozen at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and resuspended in 0.02 volumes of 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0, containing 2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  aprotinin, 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  leupeptin, 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  pepstatin, and 0.1 mM PMSF (all from Sigma). The suspension was sonicated, membranes were pelleted by centrifugation at 4000  $\times g$ , and the Fab were affinity purified from the supernatant by using a protein G-Sepharose column (Pharmacia, Piscataway, NJ).

#### Fab binding of $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO

As described previously (5), Fab diluted in assay buffer (0.15 M NaCl containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, and

0.5% BSA) were incubated with  $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO ( $\sim 25,000 \text{ cpm}$ ) and mouse mAb to human  $\kappa$  L chains (QE11; Recognition Sciences, Birmingham, UK), in a total volume of 200  $\mu\text{l}$ . After 1 h at room temperature, 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of Sac-cel (donkey anti-mouse Ig covalently coupled to cellulose; IDS, Boldon, Tyne, and Wear, UK) were added, and the incubation was continued for 30 min. After addition of 1 ml of assay buffer and vortexing, the mixture was centrifuged for 5 min at 1000  $\times g$  to sediment the immune complexes, which were then counted to determine the percentage of radiolabeled TPO bound. The affinities of the Fab for TPO were determined by Scatchard analysis (13) from values obtained in the presence of increasing concentrations of unlabeled TPO. The data presented are the mean  $\pm$  SEM of triplicate determinations.

#### Competition between Fab for binding to TPO

One Fab was immobilized by incubation (total volume, 200  $\mu\text{l}$ ) with murine mAb anti-human  $\kappa$  (QE11) for 1 h at room temperature. After incubation with 100  $\mu\text{l}$  of Sac-cel

<b>A</b>		<b>FW1</b>		
hv1L1	CAGGTGCCAGCTGGTGCACTCTGGGCTGAGGTGAACAACCCCTGGGCCTCACTGAAGGTCTCCCTCAAGGCTT			
1-1	.....C.....G..T..			
SP1.2	....A.A...C.CG.....G.....			
SP4.6	....A.A...C.CG.....T...G..C.....G..			
<b>B</b>		<b>CDR1</b>		<b>FW2</b>
hv1L1	CTGGAGACACCTTCACCG	GCTACTATATGCCACTGG	GTGCCACAGGCCCTGGACAAGGGCTTCACTGGAA	
1-1	....T.....			
SP1.2	....T.....C.....			
SP4.6	....T.....A...A..C.G.T.....			
<b>C</b>		<b>CDR2</b>		
hv1L1	TGGGA	TGGATCAACCTAACAGTGTCGCCACAAACTATGCCACAGAAGTTTCAGGGC	ACGGTCACCATG	
1-1	.....	.....C.....		
SP1.2	..A.....G.....A..C..GG.T.....			
SP4.6	.....G.A..C.....G.A..T.C.....			
<b>D</b>		<b>FW3</b>		
hv1L1	ACCAGGGACACGTCCATCAGCACAGCCTACATGGAGCTGAGCAGCTGAGATCTGAGCACAGGCCGTAT			
1-1	.....A.....			
SP1.2	....C.....T.A..T.....G.C.....T.....			
SP4.6	....A.....G.....T.....C..C..A..G.....C..C.....			
<b>E</b>		<b>FW1</b>		<b>CDR2</b>
hv1L1	QVQLVQSGAEVNPKPGASVKVSCKASCDTFT	GYMMHW	VRQAPGQCLEWMG	WINPNSSGTNYAQKFQG
1-1	....R..K.S.....Y..			
SP1.2	..K.LE....K.....Y..	H..		
SP4.6	..K.LE...LKN..R.....Y..N	D.HV..	....V..	....KNA..R.S....
<b>F</b>		<b>FW3</b>		
hv1L1	RVTMTRDTSISTAYMELSRILRSDDTAVYYCAR			
1-1	.....K.....			
SP1.2	....S...N.V.....G.F.....T			
SP4.6	....A..A...TS.K.....			
<b>G</b>		SP4.6 GGG CTA CGA CTT CGT ACC TGG CCC CTT		
		G V C V G T W G L		

(30 min at room temperature), the complexes were diluted in assay buffer (see above) and centrifuged at 1000 × g (5 min at 4°C). The pellets were resuspended in normal human serum diluted 1/30 in assay buffer, to saturate remaining anti-κ binding sites. In a separate set of tubes, increasing concentrations of "free" Fab were preincubated with <sup>125</sup>I-TPO for 1 h at room temperature. Aliquots (100 μl) were then incubated for 30 min with the immobilized Fab pellets and washed with assay buffer, and radioactivity bound to the Sac-cel was counted. Nonspecific binding (~2% of total counts added) was subtracted to provide values for specific binding to TPO.

## Results

### Frequencies of <sup>125</sup>I-TPO-binding clones

Combining the L chain of SP1.2 with the SP parent H chain library yielded a combinatorial library of ~10<sup>7</sup> PFU (SP1.2 L × H library). Similarly, the combination of the SP1.2 H chain with the SP parent L chain library resulted in a library of ~10<sup>7</sup> PFU (SP1.2 H × L). As expected, this "roulette" with either the SP1.2 L or H chain led to a greater frequency of TPO-binding clones than was detected in the original screening of the parent library (Table I). Further, the frequency of TPO-binding clones was 10-fold greater in the SP1.2 H × L library than in the SP1.2 L × H library.

### TPO-binding clones from the SP1.2 L × H library

We originally reported (4) that the V<sub>H</sub> of SP1.2 appears to be derived from the V<sub>H1</sub> family germline gene 1-1 (14). V<sub>H1</sub>-1 was first reported to be a pseudogene, but other investigators have suggested that 1-1 is a functional gene (15). More recently, another V<sub>H1</sub> germline gene, hv1L1, has been described (16) that is closely related to 1-1. At the nucleotide level, SP1.2 is more homologous to hv1L1 (93%) than to 1-1 (90%) (Fig. 2A).

Determination of the nucleotide sequences of the six new TPO-binding clones isolated from the SP1.2 L × H library revealed that the VDJ regions of five (SP1.7 to -11) are almost identical to those of the original SP1.2 (Table II). In the V<sub>H</sub> region, three clones (SP1.9, SP1.10, and SP1.11) are identical to SP1.2 H chain and two clones (SP1.7 and SP1.8) differ from the original SP1.2 H chain by only one amino acid (proline and leucine for Ala-24, respectively). The D regions of SP1.7 to -11 are identical and differ from the SP1.2 D region by a single silent base substitution. The J regions of SP1.7 to -11 are of the J<sub>H</sub>6 family (15). Re-examination of the SP1.2 DJ regions indicates that this clone, too, is a J<sub>H</sub>6 (rather than a J<sub>H</sub>3) combined with a very short D region.

One of the six new clones (SP4.6) from the SP1.2 L × H library differs more substantially from SP1.2 as well as from SP1.7 to -11 (Table II). Both SP4.6 and SP1.2 are members of the V<sub>H1</sub> family and may be derived from the

TABLE II  
Characteristics at the nucleotide level of 17 TPO-binding clones in roulette of SP1.2 H and L chains<sup>a</sup>

SP1.2 L × H (6 clones)	V <sub>H</sub> (%)	D	J <sub>H</sub>	Subclass
SP1.7; -1.8	94	SP1.2	6	IgG1
SP1.9; -1.10; -1.11	94 <sup>b</sup>	SP1.2	6	IgG1
SP4.6	90	Non-SP1.2	4	IgG4
SP1.2 H × L (11 clones)	V <sub>K</sub> (%)		J <sub>K</sub>	
SP1.17; -1.19	92 <sup>c</sup>		2	
SP1.14; -1.15; -1.22	93 <sup>d</sup>		2	
SP1.21	93 <sup>d</sup>		?	
SP1.12	94		1	
SP1.13	93		2	
SP1.16	92		2	
SP1.18	93		2	
SP1.20	95		1	

<sup>a</sup> Homology of V<sub>H</sub> and V<sub>L</sub> genes is calculated for putative germline genes hv1L1 and HSIGKLO12, respectively. The D regions are described as resembling SP1.2 (4) or not resembling SP1.2 (Fig. 2C).

<sup>b</sup> 100% homologous with SP1.2 H.

<sup>c</sup> 100% homologous with SP1.2 L.

<sup>d</sup> Identity of V<sub>K</sub> for SP1.14, SP1.15, SP1.22, and SP1.21.

germline gene hv1L1 (16) (Fig. 2A). However, there are major differences (24 amino acids) in the V<sub>H</sub> regions of SP4.6 and SP1.2 (Fig. 2B). In addition, the SP4.6 D region (Fig. 2C) is quite different from that of SP1.2 and does not resemble any published D region sequence. Further, the SP4.6 J region is a J<sub>H</sub>4 truncated at its 5' end. The most surprising finding was that the hinge region sequence indicates that SP4.6 is an IgG4, in contrast to SP1.2 and SP1.7 to -11, which are IgG1. The C region primer used for the polymerase chain reaction in constructing the SP H chain parent library (CH1; Stratagene, San Diego CA) is described as an IgG1 primer with the capacity to cross-prime with other IgG subclasses.

### TPO-binding clones from the SP1.2 H × L library

The nucleotide sequences of the L chains were determined in 11 TPO-binding clones in the SP1.2 H × L library (Table II; Fig. 3). At the amino acid level, the V<sub>K</sub> regions of nine clones are very similar to, and two clones (SP1.17 and SP1.19) are identical to, the original SP1.2 L chain (Fig. 4A). Four of the nine clones (SP1.14, SP1.15, SP1.21, and SP1.22) have identical V<sub>K</sub> regions. All 11 new L chain clones appear to be derived from the V<sub>K</sub> germline gene HSIGKLO12 (7). This gene is almost identical to HUMIGKLVJ (17), with which we originally compared SP1.2 (4). SP1.20 is the closest (95%) to the putative germline gene (Table II). The J<sub>K</sub> regions of 10 of the 11 new clones belong to J<sub>K</sub>1 or J<sub>K</sub>2 (Fig. 4B). We cannot assign the J<sub>K</sub> region of SP1.21. SP1.14, SP1.15, and SP1.22 have identical V<sub>K</sub> and J<sub>K</sub> sequences. Because clones SP1.17 and SP1.19 have J<sub>K</sub>2 regions (like SP1.2) these clones are, overall, identical to SP1.2.

### Affinities for TPO of selected Fab

We expressed and purified the proteins for two of the newly isolated Fab clones, SP4.6 and SP1.20. SP4.6 was selected because of its distinctive H chain and SP1.20 because its L chain was the least mutated from the putative germline gene. Purified SP1.2 was already available (5). The affinities for TPO of the SP1.20 and SP4.6 Fab, calculated by Scatchard analysis (13) (Fig. 5), are very similar to each other ( $K_d$ ,  $1.0 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-10}$  M and  $1.4 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-10}$  M, respectively) and to that of SP1.2 ( $0.8 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-10}$  M) (means  $\pm$  SEM).

## Binding domains on TPO for SP Fab

To determine whether there was overlap in the domains on TPO recognized by SP4.6, SP1.20, and SP1.2, we performed studies with an immobilized SP1.2 Fab. As expected, preincubation of  $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO with increasing concentrations of free SP1.2 inhibited the subsequent binding of the Ag to the immobilized SP1.2 (Fig. 6). The SP4.6 and SP1.20 Fab were equally effective, indicating that the

binding domains of all three Fab overlapped. No competition was observed with another anti-TPO Fab, TR1.9, cloned from another patient.<sup>4</sup>

### **Discussion**

In the present study, we chose a single H or L chain already known to confer high affinity ( $\sim 10^{-10}$  M) specific binding for a large (107-kDa) protein autoantigen, TPO. We used this SP1.2 H (or SP1.2 L) chain to search for other L (or H) chains that could form a Fab capable of binding TPO. That is, we "spun the wheel" of the H and L chain repertoire of activated B cells infiltrating the patient's thyroid gland. As expected, the frequency of TPO-binding clones in the libraries generated by this biased recombination (1:500 for SP1.2 H  $\times$  parent L chain and 1:5000 for SP1.2 L  $\times$  parent H chain) was higher than in the original random combinatorial library (1:60,000) (4).

<sup>4</sup> Chazenbalk, G. D., Portolano, S., Russo, D., Hutchinson, J. S., Rapoport, B., McLachlan, S. "Human organ-specific autoimmune disease: molecular cloning and expression of an autoantibody gene repertoire." Submitted for publication.

	<u>A</u>	<u>FW1</u>	<u>CDR1</u>	<u>FW2</u>	<u>CDR2</u>
	HSIGKLO12	DIVMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITC	RASQSISSYLN	WYQQKPGKAPKLLIY	AASSLQS
SP #	.12	EL.....G.....	.....A.....	...K.....	S.....
	.20	EL.....	.....A.....	...K.....	S.....
	.18	EL.....E.....	RA..T.....	R..N.....	GT.T...
	.14	EL.....S.....	...N.GK...	R.....E.....	GT.T...
	.13	EL.....	T..T..R.....	I.....F.....	A.....T
	.16	EL.....	...D..R.....	.....H.....	G..T.E.
	.17	EL.....E..T.....	EN..R.S.....	Q.....S.....	T....
	<u>B</u>	<u>FW3</u>	<u>CDR3</u>	<u>FW4</u>	
	HSIGKLO12	GVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISLQPEDFATYYC	QQSYSTP		
SP #	.12	.....	.....D.....		
	.20	.....	.....		
	.18	.....F.....	F.....	.....S.....	
	.14	.....F.....	.....F.....	.....S.....	
	.13	.....G.....	T..D.....	.....	
	.16	...G.....	.....Y.....	.....	
	.17	.....H.....N.....G.....	.....T.....S.....		
	<u>C</u>	<u>CDR3</u>	<u>FW4</u>		
SP #	.12	GACACGTTTC	GGCCACGGACCAAGGTGAAATCAAACGAACT		
	.21	CGG..T....	....CT.....GA.....G.....		
	.20	TGG.....	.....		
	.18	T....T....	.....G.....C.....G..AG.....		
	.14	T....T....	.....G.....C.....G..AG.....		
	.13	T....T..T....	.....G.....C.....G.....G.....		
	.16	TT....T..T....	.....G.....C.....G.....G.....G		
	.17	TT....T..T....	.....G.....C.....G.....G.....G		
	<u>CDR3</u>	<u>FW4</u>			
SP #	.12	DTF	GHGTTKVEIKRT	JK1	
	.21	P..	..P..R..V...	JK?	
	.20	W..	.....	JK1	
	.18	Y..	Q...L..E..	JK2	
	.14	Y..	Q...L..E..	JK2	
	.13	Y..	Q...L.....	JK2	
	.16	F..	Q...L.....	JK2	
	.17	F..	Q...L.....	JK2	

**FIGURE 4.** A, Derived amino acid sequences of  $V_{\kappa}$  regions of anti-TPO Fab SP1.12 through SP1.22, compared with the closest germline gene, HSIGKLO12 (7). B and C, nucleotide (B) and derived amino acid (C) sequences of the  $J_{\kappa}$  regions of SP1.12 through SP1.22. Dots, identical nucleotides. CDR are indicated according to Kabat et al. (26).

However, the frequency was still lower (Table I) than would be the case if promiscuous binding to a variety of H or L chains was compatible with specific Ag binding.

The antibody repertoire in thyroid tissue B cells of patients with autoimmune thyroid disease is relevant to this discussion. This tissue is enriched, compared with draining lymph nodes and peripheral blood, in B cells actively secreting autoantibodies to the three major thyroid autoantigens, i.e., TPO, thyroglobulin, and the thyrotropin receptor (reviewed in Reference 18). This bias makes even more remarkable the paucity of H and L chains from this patient that are capable of combining with the preselected L or H chain to form a functional TPO binding site. For example, frequencies of 1:50 for a functional H chain have been reported in libraries from a mouse immunized with influenza hemagglutinin or in a human immunized with tetanus toxoid (8).

Nucleotide sequence analysis of the H and L chains of the new TPO-binding clones reveals even more restriction. Thus, with the SP1.2 H chain, all 11 new clones utilized L chains from the same  $V_{\kappa}1$  family germline gene. This

germline gene was also used by the three other TPO Fab already described (4, 5). Amino acid substitutions predominate in the CDR regions. Overall, taking into account the  $V_{\kappa}$  and  $J_{\kappa}$  regions of the L chains of 11 new clones and the previously described SP1.2, SP1.4, and SP1.5 (5), only 10 were distinct, because several were identical to the SP1.2 L chain or to each other.

Additional evidence for restriction was the very limited variety of H chains "captured" by the SP1.2 L chain in generating new TPO-binding clones. Five of the six clones were very closely related to the SP1.2 H chain, which is also shared by the previously identified SP1.4 and SP1.5 clones (5). However, unlike the L chains, we did isolate one H chain, SP4.6, that differs from all others in the following respects: (i) there are 24 amino acid differences between the  $V_H$  regions of SP4.6 and SP1.2, although both may be derived from the same  $V_H1$  germline gene, hvlL1; (ii) the D region is totally distinct; (iii) SP4.6 uses a different J region; and (iv) SP4.6 belongs to the IgG4 subclass. The SP4.6 H chain is more rare in the parent

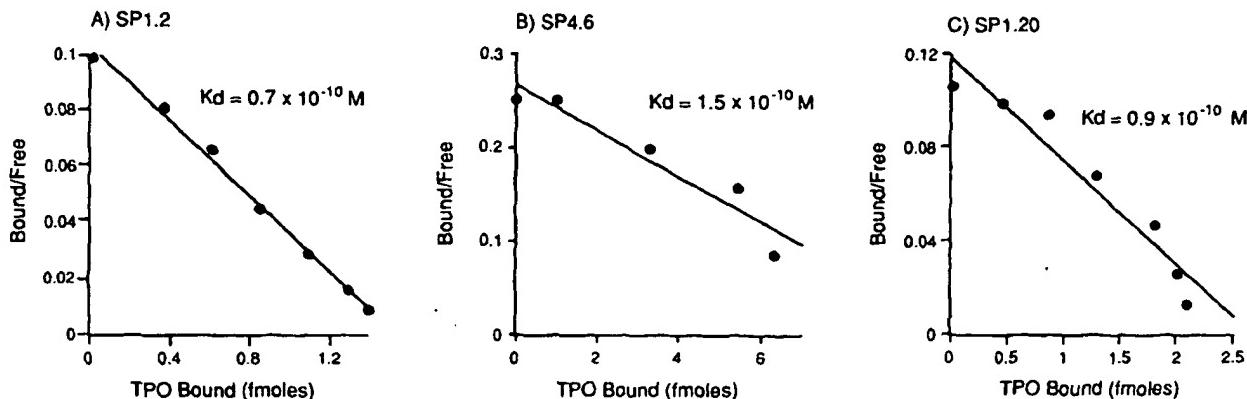


FIGURE 5. Scatchard analysis (see Materials and Methods) of the affinities of SP1.2, SP4.6, and SP1.20 for TPO. One of three representative experiments is shown for each Fab.

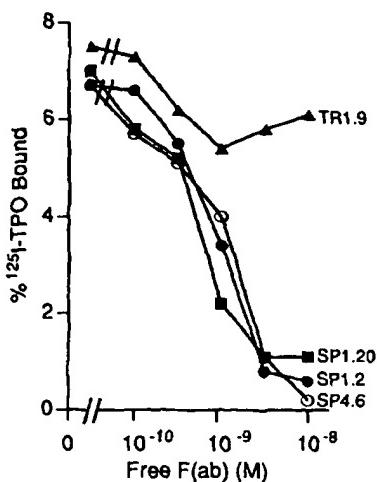


FIGURE 6. Binding domains on TPO for the SP1.2, SP4.6, and SP1.20 Fab.  $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO was preincubated in the absence or presence of increasing concentrations of SP4.6, SP1.20, and SP1.2 (Free F(ab)). Fab TR1.9 was obtained from another patient.<sup>4</sup> The ability of these complexes to bind to immobilized SP1.2 was then determined. The results are expressed as percentage of  $^{125}\text{I}$ -TPO bound after subtraction of background values (~2%) obtained by using buffer alone.

library than is SP1.2 and related H chains, possibly because the oligonucleotide primer used to generate this library is suboptimal for IgG4. It is likely that the SP4.6 H chain was only found because of the bias introduced by the roulette approach.

In addition to providing data on the frequency and characterization of TPO-binding H and L chain combinations, our study illustrates important features with respect to antibody affinity and binding domains. These TPO autoantibodies have affinities for Ag several orders of magnitude greater than those reported for naturally occurring, polyreactive autoantibodies ( $K_d$ ,  $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-7} M$ ) (19). It is possible that the screening approach that we used permits identification only of clones capable of high affinity TPO binding. Clones with lower affinity for TPO may, in the

future, be identified more easily by using the phage display technique (20). However, this is not our present goal because TPO autoantibodies in patients' sera have high affinities (21), similar to our recombinant Fab.

It is of interest that the affinity of SP1.20 is high (similar to that of SP1.2) even though its  $V_{\kappa}$  chain is less mutated than that of SP1.2 (95% and 81% homology, respectively, to the germline gene). Assuming that both genes are, indeed, derived from HSIGKLO12, it is possible that affinity maturation of the L chain does not play a critical role in determining the affinity of the Fab for TPO.

The most unexpected finding in our study, in our estimation, concerns the TPO-binding domains of the SP Fab. Thus, in accordance with the data of Radic et al. (22) concerning murine autoantibodies to DNA, it was anticipated that both the SP1.2 and SP1.20 Fab, which have the same H chain and have closely related L chains, would interact with overlapping epitopes and bind to the same domain on TPO. However, a similar domain on TPO was recognized by both SP4.6 and SP1.2, despite the fact that their V, D, and J regions are quite different. This finding contrasts with the data of Martin et al. (23), who found that polyspecific autoantibody activity could only be generated with a specific D region. Our data were also unexpected in view of the extensive analysis by Kabat and Wu (24) of V region H and L chain combinations, which suggested  $V_H$  dominance in defining antibody specificity in many instances. However, as also suggested by Kabat and Wu (24) for some antibodies and as demonstrated by Smith-Gill et al. (25) for some murine antibodies to lysozyme, our findings raise the possibility that the L chain is critical in defining epitope specificity, even in the presence of completely different D regions and nonidentical  $V_H$  regions. With respect to our clones, it is possible that molecular modeling of SP4.6 and SP1.2 would reveal regions of similarity in their three-dimensional conformations, despite the dissimilarities in their CDR, particularly CDR3.

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## Single amino acid substitution altering antigen-binding specificity

(immunoglobulin/mutation/phosphocholine/antibody diversity)

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**ABSTRACT** S107, a phosphocholine-binding myeloma protein, has been cloned in soft agar, and an antigen-binding variant has been isolated and characterized. The variant does not bind phosphocholine attached to carrier or as free hapten in solution but does retain antigenic determinants (idiotypes) of the parent. Chain recombination experiments suggest that the defect in binding is entirely in the heavy chain. Amino acid sequence analysis showed a single substitution—glutamic acid to alanine at position 35—in the first hypervariable or complementarity-determining region. In terms of the three-dimensional model of the phosphocholine-binding site, glutamic acid-35 provides a hydrogen bond to tyrosine-94 of the light chain that appears to be critical for stability of this portion of the binding site. The removal of this bond and the presence of the smaller alanine side chain is thus consistent with the loss in binding activity. These results suggest that small numbers of substitutions in antibodies, such as those presumably introduced by somatic mutation, may in some situations be effective in altering antigen-binding specificity.

The generation of antibody diversity has long been and remains one of the intriguing questions in immunology. Protein sequence analyses (1, 2) and nucleic acid studies (3–7) have similarly suggested that the number of light (L) and heavy (H) chain genes in the germ line is large (>200 each). If random combinations of L and H chains were to occur, >10,000 different antibodies could be generated solely from the germ-line repertoire. Furthermore, immunoglobulin chains are encoded in multiple genetic elements. The variable domains of light chains are encoded by two gene segments designated variable (V) and joining (J) (8, 9). Heavy chain variable domains, in addition to V and J segments, have a third element, D (diversity), that encodes a portion of the third hypervariable region (10–12). The combination of a given L chain V gene with any of four functional J genes can thus produce additional structural diversity as can V, D, and J recombination in the H chain. The potential sequence diversity is further increased by variations in the sites at which these elements combine (8, 9, 13–17). At present, it is not clear how much the sequence diversity generated by these events contributes to functional changes that affect the specificity and affinity of antigen binding.

In view of the large amount of structural diversity that can be generated from the germ-line repertoire and the recombination events occurring during the formation of active immunoglobulin genes, the question of the occurrence and role of somatic mutation in the generation of antibody diversity remains to be determined. The initial studies of mouse  $\lambda$  L chains by Weigert and co-workers (18, 19) identified 12 invariant sequences, 5 with single amino acid substitutions, 1 with two substitutions, and 1 with three substitutions. All interchanges were located in hypervariable regions and it was concluded that the

variants arose by a somatic mutation process. This interpretation has been confirmed by the finding that a single germ-line V region gene and J segment encode the  $\lambda_1$  V regions (20). While the sequence changes in  $\lambda_1$  L chains were confined to hypervariable regions, studies of a  $\kappa$  chain subgroup ( $V_{\kappa 2}$ ) also suggested somatic mutations, but these substitutions were observed in framework as well as hypervariable residues (21). Most relevant to the studies described here is a recent report by Gearhart *et al.* (22) on the structure of H and L chains from phosphocholine (P-Cho)-binding hybridomas. A number of sequences were determined for IgM and IgG hybridomas and were compared with previously determined structures from IgA myeloma proteins. All of the  $\mu$  chains were found to be identical in the V region, while all of the  $\gamma$  chains and about half of the  $\alpha$  chains had substitutions that occurred in both hypervariable and framework regions. An analysis of the germ-line genes encoding the P-Cho heavy chains (23) suggested that all except one of the P-Cho heavy chains were encoded by a single gene that faithfully encodes the T15 IgA myeloma V region, as well as all of the  $\mu$  V regions. These and similar findings among H chains from antitryptophenyl antibodies (24) argue that somatic mutation is occurring and that it is not restricted to hypervariable regions.

To date, it is not known whether the limited number of amino acid substitutions presumably generated by somatic mutation can be effective in altering antigen binding specificity or affinity. We have attempted to approach this question by examining the structure of antigen-binding variants derived from the P-Cho-binding myeloma protein S107. S107 is a BALB/c IgA,  $\kappa$  myeloma protein that appears to be identical in structure to the T15 myeloma protein and  $\approx 90\%$  of the BALB/c antibodies elicited by immunization with P-Cho-containing antigens (25). We have chosen this system because of the availability of a number of primary sequences from P-Cho-binding myeloma proteins and a three-dimensional structure of the Fab fragment from the closely related protein M603 (26, 27). Antigen-binding variants were selected by cloning S107 cells in soft agar and overlaying with P-Cho-keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH) (28). Clones that are not surrounded by antigen-antibody precipitates and occur at a spontaneous frequency of 0.1–1% are presumed to be antigen-binding variants. One of these first generation variants, U4, has been characterized in detail and is the subject of the present communication.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The S107 cell line was originally obtained from the Salk cell bank. Propagation of the cells, their cloning, and identification

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Abbreviations: L and H, light and heavy chain genes or their respective polypeptide chains; V, J, and D, variable, joining, and diversity (region), respectively; P-Cho, phosphocholine; KLH, keyhole limpet hemocyanin; SRBC, sheep erythrocytes.

of variants have been described previously (28). *P*-Cho was attached to sheep erythrocytes (SRBC) (29), and hemagglutination of *P*-Cho-SRBC was determined as described by Evans *et al.* (30). Radioimmunoassays were carried out by the method of Pierce and Klinman (31) in which antigen (*P*-Cho-KLH) or antibody (28) was attached to polyvinyl plates (Dynatech). The S107 immunoglobulin and the rat anti-S107 monoclonal antibody were biosynthetically labeled by incubating the cultured myeloma cells with [<sup>35</sup>S]methionine. Labeling of the antibodies and their use in the radioimmunoassay have been described (32). Equilibrium dialysis was carried out by the flow dialysis method of Colowick and Womack (33).

S107 and variant immunoglobulins were purified from the ascites of tumor-bearing animals. S107 was purified by affinity chromatography on *P*-Cho-Sepharose. The U4 protein was chromatographed on DEAE-Sephacel (Pharmacia) and then further purified by gel filtration on Sephadryl S200 (Pharmacia). Chain recombination was carried out as described by Manjula *et al.* (34) except that the denaturing buffer was 5 M guanidine in 0.2 M NH<sub>4</sub>HCO<sub>3</sub>.

For sequence studies, the H chains of both the S107 and U4 immunoglobulin were isolated on Sephadex G-100 columns equilibrated in 6 M urea/1 M HOAc. H chains were cleaved with CNBr and the fragments were isolated by gel filtration (35). Sequences were determined on a modified (36, 37) Beckman 890C sequencer using a Quadrol buffer system as described (38).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Characterization of the U4 Variant.** When a freshly isolated subclone of the S107 cell line is recloned in soft agar and overlaid with *P*-Cho-KLH, 0.1–1% of the clones are not surrounded by a visible antigen-antibody precipitate (28). Between 50% and 70% of these presumptive variant clones continue to secrete IgA molecules in the same amount as the parental clone. Most of these variant antibodies have normalized H and L chains and are polymeric molecules that are indistinguishable from the parental IgA (28, 39). One of these variants, U4, was grown to mass culture and injected into BALB/c mice, and the variant protein was purified from ascites fluid by DEAE-Sephacel and Sephadryl chromatography. Comparison of the antigen and hapten binding of the U4 variant and the parental S107 protein is presented in Table 1. U4 does not agglutinate *P*-Cho-SRBC and does not bind hapten when assayed by equilibrium dialysis. To further evaluate the antigen binding capacity of U4, *P*-Cho-KLH was absorbed to the walls of polyvinyl microtiter plates and unlabeled U4 and S107 protein were compared for their ability to compete with endogenously labeled S107 for antigen. U4 demonstrated minimal binding, only slightly more than an unrelated antibody, in competing for *P*-Cho in this assay. These results indicated that the U4 variant had lost its ability to bind antigen and hapten. When parent and U4 were analyzed for antigenic determinants (idiotypes) detected by a particular monoclonal antibody (Fig. 1),

Table 1. Antigen- and hapten-binding characteristics of myeloma S107 and variant U4

Cell line	Hemagglutination titer,*		Radioimmunoassay, <sup>†</sup> % <i>P</i> -Cho-KLH	<i>K</i> <sub>a</sub> , 10 <sup>5</sup> M <sup>-1</sup>
	<i>P</i> -Cho-SRBC			
S107.3.4	8192		100	2.3
U4	0		<0.01	0

\* Purified protein (250 ng) was examined in 1:2 dilutions.

<sup>†</sup> % relative binding = (ng of parent required for 50% inhibition/ng of variant required for 50% inhibition) × 100.

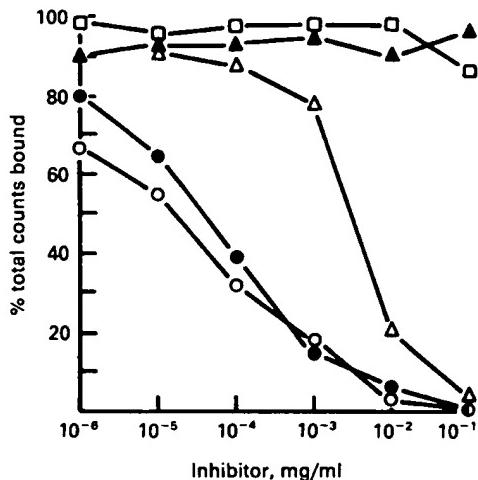


FIG. 1. Competition radioimmunoassay of S107 (●) and U4 (○) with a rat monoclonal antibody raised against S107. Purified S107 protein was attached to polyvinyl plates and parent and variant were incubated with 50% saturating amounts of [<sup>35</sup>S]methionine-labeled rat monoclonal antibody in the presence of various amounts of the proteins indicated. M603 (▲) and M511 (△) are *P*-Cho-binding myeloma proteins. Reagents recognizing S107 frequently crossreact with M511. W3129 (□) does not bind *P*-Cho.

U4 was found to react with this reagent to approximately the same extent as the parent. By using conventional antisera to the *P*-Cho-binding site and a variety of additional antivariablen region monoclonal antibodies, we have observed that some distinguish these two proteins to the extent that U4 reacts ≈1/10th as well as the parent while others fail to discriminate between parent and variant. Thus, the association of idiotype with a non-antigen-binding molecule (U4) is likely to be highly dependent on the particular reagent used. Taken together, the above data indicate that an alteration has occurred in the configuration of the U4 binding site that has drastically altered antigen-binding specificity but only minimally altered antigenic determinants.

To more precisely define the defect in U4, chain recombination experiments were performed between parent and variant. H and L chains were isolated from partially reduced proteins, mixed together in various combinations, and reassociated by removing the denaturing reagent (Table 2). The recombinants containing the H chain of U4 and the L chain of S107 did not hemagglutinate *P*-Cho-SRBC. However, the combination of the parental H chain and the U4 L chain not only agglutinated *P*-Cho-SRBC (Table 2) but also had the same affinity for *P*-Cho by equilibrium dialysis as the S107 protein (data not shown). The loss in antigen-binding activity was therefore associated entirely with the U4 heavy chain.

**Structural Difference Between Parent and Variant.** Since alterations in antigen binding were found to be associated with the U4 H chain, we have determined the primary structure of the entire H chain variable region of the variant and parental proteins. A single amino acid substitution—alanine for glutamic acid—was found at position 35 in the first hypervariable or complementarity-determining region (Fig. 2). This interchange can be explained by a single-base substitution in the second nucleotide position of the glutamic acid codon or could be due to a two-base change. A significant association between *P*-Cho binding and the occurrence of phenylalanine-32, tyrosine-33, and glutamic acid-35 has previously been noted (41). The effect of the observed alanine-glutamic acid interchange is striking in

Table 2. Chain recombination of S107 and U4

	Hemagglutination titer
$H^{107} + L^{107}$	10
$H^{107} + L^{U4}$	7.5
$H^{U4} + L^{107}$	1
$H^{U4} + L^{U4}$	1

Chain recombination was as described in *Materials and Methods*. The recombinants were not further purified. Equal amounts of protein, which also contained the same amount of idiotype by inhibition of hemagglutination, were allowed to react with *P*-Cho-SRBC. Facilitating rabbit anti-IgA antibody was added and the hemagglutinin titer is expressed as the square of the logarithm.

terms of the model of the *P*-Cho-binding site of M603 (Fig. 3). M603 is a *P*-Cho-binding myeloma protein whose three-dimensional structure has been determined (26). Crystallographic analysis has indicated that the binding of *P*-Cho hapten is almost entirely associated with amino acids in the H chain. When the H chains of M603 and S107 are compared, five differences are observed (four substitutions plus a one amino acid size difference), none of which occur at positions identified as participating in hapten contact. Although the L chains from M603 and S107 are from different  $V_{\kappa}$  subgroups and hence have considerable sequence variation (42–44), the one amino acid (leucine-96) directly implicated in hapten contact (26, 43) is also preserved in the S107 L chain. Furthermore, anti-*P*-Cho hybridomas have been identified (22) that are comprised of an M603 L chain paired with a T15 H chain and have affinities for *P*-Cho similar to that of the M603 myeloma protein (45).

Based on the above considerations as well as predictive calculations, we have concluded that the principles derived from the structure of the M603-binding site will largely be applicable to the S107 site (46). In the M603 structure, glutamic acid-35 was originally designated as a hapten-contacting residue (26). From continued refinement of the x-ray structure analysis, it

now appears that the distance between *P*-Cho and glutamic acid-35 makes its role in direct hapten contact somewhat uncertain (D. R. Davies, personal communication). However, from Fig. 3, it can be seen that the side chain of glutamic acid-35 is hydrogen bonded to the phenolic hydroxyl of the L chain tyrosine-94 (43). This bond appears to be important in stabilizing this portion of the binding pocket that contains the hapten-contacting residues tyrosine-33 and arginine-52 from the H chain and leucine-96 from the L chain. In addition, the "vacuum" created by the removal of the carboxyl and methyl groups of glutamic acid would further distort this region. In fact, if glutamic acid-35 were only a hapten-contacting residue, it might be expected that substitution of the smaller alanine side chain would merely produce a decrease in affinity. This substitution, while possibly having only a minimal effect on hapten contact, apparently removes a bond and side chain essential to the structural integrity of this portion of the binding site. It is interesting to note that all H chains from conventionally induced anti-*P*-Cho antibodies are similar in amino acid sequence. From analysis of the gene family encoding the *P*-Cho H chain V regions (23), it can be seen that only one of three potentially expressed genes encodes glutamic acid at position 35. It is this gene that directly translates into the S107 protein sequence and presumably encodes most other *P*-Cho H chains. Thus, the predominant use of this particular gene in anti-*P*-Cho antibodies appears to correlate with the presence of glutamic acid-35. The two other genes code for serine at position 35 (as well as several additional differences), but the remaining major hapten-contacting residues are also present in these genes. One exception has been observed to date in that a single hybridoma (22) has been described that has a serine at position 35 and other substitutions characteristic of the two "unused" genes. This protein has the lowest affinity for *P*-Cho of any hybridoma or myeloma characterized thus far. It is thus possible that the presence of serine at residue 35 may maintain enough of the needed conformation to permit *P*-Cho binding (albeit at a lower affinity) in contrast to the complete loss associated with the alanine substitution in

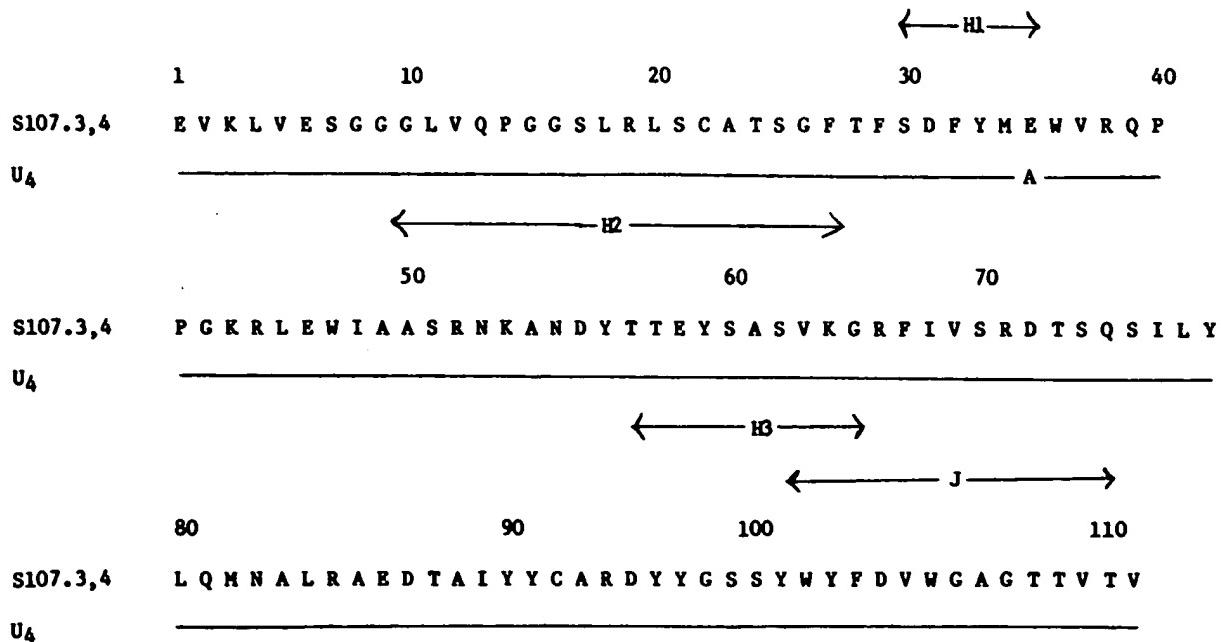


FIG. 2. Amino acid sequence of the H chain variable region of parent and variant. Cyanogen bromide fragments were isolated and their sequences were determined as described (35). Numbering is according to Kabat *et al.* (40).

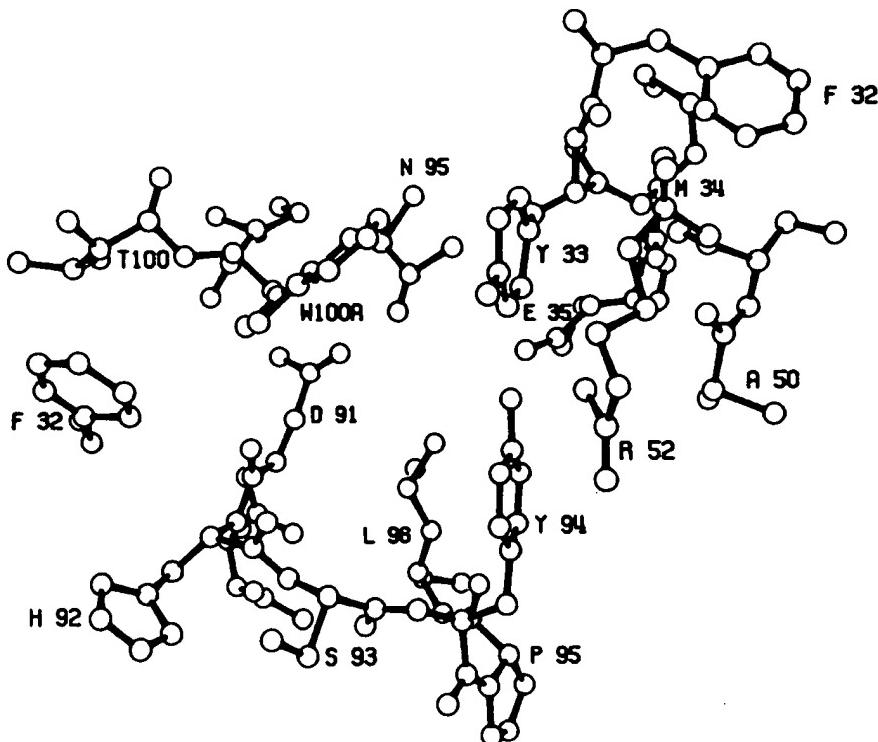


FIG. 3. Schematic representation of the *P*-Cho-binding site of M603 taken from ref. 43. H chain complementarity-determining regions are located in the upper portion. L chain residues contributing to the binding site occur mainly in the third L chain complementarity-determining region (lower portion). The effects of substitution in U4 are loss of the hydrogen bond between glutamic acid (E)-35 and tyrosine (Y)-94 and the accompanying decrease in side chain volume that appear to be critical to stability of this part of the site.

U4. Alternatively, the additional substitutions in this chain may partially compensate for the replacement of glutamic acid-35.

Although the H chains from *P*-Cho-binding antibodies are similar in amino acid sequence, L chains from three different V region groups that vary greatly in sequence may be associated with these H chains (42). However, all three of these L chains use the J5 joining segment and have the L chain sequence tyrosine-94, proline-95, leucine-96 (38, 43, 44), so that the bond between glutamic acid 35H and tyrosine 94L can be formed with any of these L chains. The sequence Tyr-Pro-Leu at positions 94, 95, and 96 is found only in L chains from *P*-Cho-binding proteins.

**Implications for Generation of Diversity.** We have shown that a single amino acid substitution is capable of completely altering antigen-binding specificity. Thus, a small number of amino acid substitutions, such as those postulated to arise by somatic mutation, can potentially be effective in generating antibody diversity in addition to that inherent in the germ-line repertoire. The high spontaneous frequency of mutants (28) observed for the generation of non-antigen-binding variants in our system further suggests that events of this nature are not infrequent. We have characterized another primary variant of S107 that has decreased antigen binding and a single amino acid substitution in the fifth residue of its J segment (39). However, it is clear that all such substitutions need not and probably do not affect antigen binding. For example, the heavy chain from the *P*-Cho-binding myeloma protein M167 (35) differs from that of S107 at 13 positions (8 in hypervariable regions including a size difference) and yet has an association constant for hapten only slightly lower than S107. We have previously shown that, among anti-1,6-galactan-binding myeloma proteins, as many as

eight or nine substitutions may occur in hypervariable regions with no significant effect on hapten affinity or specificity (13). Since these systems, as is the case of most hybridoma systems being examined today, are positively selected by antigen, they will in general reveal only substitutions not producing large changes in antigen binding. The negative selection used in this study permits analysis of changes that produce important phenotypic binding variation. Characterization of additional variants in this system may further define the potential of somatic mutations to introduce changes in antigen-binding specificity.

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(54) Title: HUMANIZED ANTI-CD11a ANTIBODIES  (57) Abstract <p>Humanized anti-CD11a antibodies and various uses therefor are disclosed. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody may bind specifically to human CD11a I-domain, have an IC<sub>50</sub>(nM) value of no more than about 1nM for preventing adhesion of Jurkat cells to normal human epidermal keratinocytes expressing ICAM-1, and/or an IC<sub>50</sub>(nM) value of no more than about 1nM in the mixed lymphocyte response assay.</p>			

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HUMANIZED ANTI-CD11a ANTIBODIES

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

## Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to humanized anti-CD11a antibodies.

## 5 Description of Related Art

Lymphocyte function-associated antigen 1 (LFA-1; CD11a/CD18) is involved in leukocyte adhesion during cellular interactions essential for immunologic responses and inflammation (Larson *et al.*, *Immunol. Rev.* 114:181-217 (1990)). LFA-1 is a member of the  $\beta 2$  integrin family and consists of a unique  $\alpha$  subunit, CD11a, and a  $\beta$  subunit, CD18, common to other  $\beta 2$  integrin receptors Mac-1 and p150,95. The ligands of LFA-1 include intercellular adhesion molecule-1, ICAM-1, expressed on leukocytes, endothelium, and dermal fibroblasts (Dustin *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 137:245-254 (1986)), ICAM-2 expressed on resting endothelium and lymphocytes (de Fougerolles *et al.*, *J. Exp. Med.* 174:253-267 (1991)), and ICAM-3 expressed on monocytes and resting lymphocytes (de Fougerolles *et al.*, *J. Exp. Med.* 179:619-629 (1994)).

Monoclonal antibodies (MAbs) against LFA-1 and the ICAMs have been shown, *in vitro*, to inhibit several T cell-dependent immune functions including T cell activation (Kuypers *et al.*, *Res. Immunol.* 140:461(1989)), T cell-dependent B cell proliferation (Fischer *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 136:3198-3203 (1986)), target cell lysis (Krensky *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 131:611-616 (1983)), and adhesion of T cells to vascular endothelium (Lo *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 143:3325-3329 (1989)). In mice, anti-CD11a MAbs induce tolerance to protein antigens (Tanaka *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* 25:1555-1558 (1995)) and prolong survival of cardiac (Cavazzana-Calvo *et al.*, *Transplantation* 59:1576-1582 (1995); Nakakura *et al.*, *Transplantation* 55:412-417 (1993)), bone marrow (Cavazzana-Calvo *et al.*, *Transplantation* 59:1576-1582 (1995); van Dijken *et al.*, *Transplantation* 49:882-886 (1990)), corneal (He *et al.*, *Invest. Ophthalmol. Vis. Sci.* 35:3218-3225 (1994)), islet (Nishihara *et al.*, *Transplantation Proc.* 27:372 (1995)) and thyroid (Talento *et al.*, *Transplantation* 55:418-422 (1993)) allografts.

25 In humans, anti-CD11a MAbs prevent graft failure after bone marrow transplantation (Fischer *et al.*, *Blood* 77:249-256 (1991); Stoppa *et al.*, *Transplant Int'l.* 4:3-7 (1991)) and preliminary clinical studies of renal allografts treated prophylactically with anti-CD11a MAb, in addition to corticosteroids and azathioprine, are promising (Hourmant *et al.*, *Transplantation* 58:377-380 (1994)). Current therapies against graft rejection include use of OKT3, a murine anti-human CD3 MAb, and cyclosporin A. OKT3 therapy is effective but has 30 several undesirable side effects; its use results in the release of numerous cytokines including tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$ , interferon- $\gamma$ , interleukin-2, and interleukin-6, resulting in fever, chills and gastrointestinal distress (for a review see Parlevliet *et al.*, *Transplant Int'l.* 5:234-246 (1992); Dantal *et al.*, *Curr. Opin. Immunol.* 3:740-747 (1991)). Cyclosporin A is effective but also has serious side effects (for a review see Barry, *Drugs*, 44:554-566 (1992)).

## 35 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The instant invention provides humanized anti-CD11a antibodies. Preferred antibodies bind to the I-domain of human CD11a (e.g. to "epitope MHM24" as herein defined) and/or bind CD11a with an affinity of about  $1 \times 10^{-8}$ M or stronger. In preferred embodiments, the antibody has an IC50 (nM) value of no more than about 1nM for preventing adhesion of Jurkat cells to normal human epidermal keratinocytes expressing 40 ICAM-1. Preferred humanized antibodies are those which have an IC50 (nM) value of no more than about

InM in the mixed lymphocyte response (MLR) assay. This IC50 for a humanized antibody in the MLR assay is significantly better than that for murine MAb 25.3, which has been previously tested *in vivo* (Fischer *et al.*, *Blood* 77:249-256 (1991); Stoppa *et al.*, *Transplant Intl.* 4:3-7 (1991); Hourmant *et al.*, *Transplantation* 58:377-380 (1994)).

5       The humanized anti-CD11a antibody may have a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of CDR1 (GYSFTGHWMN; SEQ ID NO:10) and/or CDR2 (MIHPSDSETRYNQKFKD; SEQ ID NO:11) and/or CDR3 (GIYFYGTTYFDY; SEQ ID NO:12) of humanized antibody MHM24 F(ab)-8 in Fig. 1 and/or a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of CDR1 (RASKTISKYLA; SEQ ID NO:13) and/or CDR2 (SGSTLQS; SEQ ID NO:14) and/or CDR3 (QQHNEYPLT; SEQ ID NO:15) 10 of humanized antibody MHM24 F(ab)-8 in Fig. 1. In other embodiments, the antibody comprises an amino acid sequence variant of one or more of the CDRs of humanized MHM24 antibody F(ab)-8, which variant comprises one or more amino acid insertion(s) within or adjacent to a CDR residue and/or deletion(s) within or adjacent to a CDR residue and/or substitution(s) of CDR residue(s) (with substitution(s) being the preferred type of amino acid alteration for generating such variants). Such variants will normally having a binding 15 affinity for human CD11a which is no more than about  $1 \times 10^{-8}$ M.

In preferred embodiments, the humanized antibody includes a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 and/or a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 of humanized antibody MHM24 F(ab)-8 in Fig. 1 and/or amino acid sequence variants thereof.

20       As described herein, it has been possible to reengineer a humanized antibody that bound human CD11a antigen, but not significantly to rhesus CD11a antigen, so as to confer an ability to bind to rhesus CD11a (*i.e.* a "rhesusized" antibody). In this embodiment, the antibody which binds rhesus CD11a may, for example, comprise the CDR2 amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:23. The other CDRs may be the same as those for humanized MHM24 antibody F(ab)-8. Thus, the antibody may comprise the amino acid sequence 25 of the "rhesusized" heavy chain in SEQ ID NO:24, optionally combined with a light chain comprising the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2.

30       Various forms of the antibody are contemplated herein. For example, the anti-CD11a antibody may be a full length antibody (*e.g.* having a human immunoglobulin constant region) or an antibody fragment (*e.g.* a F(ab')<sub>2</sub>). Furthermore, the antibody may be labeled with a detectable label, immobilized on a solid phase and/or conjugated with a heterologous compound (such as a cytotoxic agent).

35       Diagnostic and therapeutic uses for the antibody are contemplated. In one diagnostic application, the invention provides a method for determining the presence of CD11a protein comprising exposing a sample suspected of containing the CD11a protein to the anti-CD11a antibody and determining binding of the antibody to the sample. For this use, the invention provides a kit comprising the antibody and instructions for using the antibody to detect the CD11a protein.

The invention further provides: isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody; a vector comprising that nucleic acid, optionally operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector; a host cell comprising that vector; a process for producing the antibody comprising culturing the host cell so that the nucleic acid is expressed and, optionally, recovering the antibody from the host cell culture (*e.g.*

from the host cell culture medium). The invention also provides a composition comprising the humanized anti-CD11a antibody and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent. This composition for therapeutic use is sterile and may be lyophilized. The invention further provides a method for treating a mammal suffering from a LFA-1 mediated disorder, comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of the 5 humanized anti-CD11a antibody to the mammal. For such therapeutic uses, other immunosuppressive agents or adhesion molecule antagonists (e.g. another LFA-1 antagonist or a VLA-4 antagonist) may be co-administered to the mammal either before, after, or simultaneously with, the humanized anti-CD11a antibody.

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1A shows the amino acid sequences of murine MHM24 light chain (SEQ ID NO: 1),  
10 humanized MHM24 F(ab)-8 light chain (SEQ ID NO:2), human consensus sequences of light chain subgroup κI (humκI) (SEQ ID NO:3).

Figure 1B shows the amino acid sequences of murine MHM24 heavy chain (SEQ ID NO:4), humanized MHM24 F(ab)-8 heavy chain(SEQ ID NO:5), human consensus sequences of heavy chain subgroup III (humIII) (SEQ ID NO:6) and "rhesusized" antibody mutant heavy chain of the Example (SEQ ID NO:24).

15 In Figs. 1A and 1B, hypervariable regions based on sequence hypervariability (*Kabat et al., Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. (1991)) are enclosed within brackets and hypervariable loops based on structure of F(ab)-antigen complexes (*Chothia et al., Nature* 342:8767 (1989)) are in italics. Residue numbering is according to Kabat *et al.*, with insertions shown as a, b, and c.

20 Figure 2 shows sequences of human CD11a I-domain (SEQ ID NO:7) and rhesus CD11a I-domain (SEQ ID NO:8).  $\beta$ -strands and  $\alpha$ -helices are underlined and labeled according to Qu *et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 92:10277-10281 (1995). The rhesus I-domain sequence (rhCD11a) shows only the four differences from human I-domain. The binding epitope for the MHM24 MAb (SEQ ID NO:9) is shown in bold (*Champe et al., J. Biol. Chem.* 270:1388-1394 (1995)).

25 Figure 3 depicts inhibition of human Jurkat T-cells to normal human keratinocytes by murine MHM24 (filled circles), chimeric MHM24 (open triangles), humanized MHM24 (HuIgG1) (filled squares), and a human IgG1 isotype control (+). Percent binding measured by fluorescence of labeled Jurkat cells.

Figures 4A-4C show inhibition of binding of rhesus lymphocytes to normal human keratinocytes (Fig. 30 4A), rhesus lymphocytes to recombinant human ICAM-1 coated on plates (Fig. 4B), and rhesus/human CD11a chimera-transfected 293 cells to normal human keratinocytes (Fig. 4C). Inhibition by rhesus-binding MHM24 (RhIgG1) (filled squares), anti-CD18 MHM23 (filled circles), a human IgG1 isotype control (+) (Figs. 4A and 4C), and a murine IgG1 isotype control (+) (Fig. 4B). Percent binding measured by fluorescence of labeled lymphocytes (Figs. 4A and B) or labeled 293 cells (Fig. 4C).

35 Figure 5 shows human mixed lymphocyte response assy (MLR) is blocked by murine MHM24 (filled circles), humanized MHM24 (HuIgG1) (filled squares), and a humanized isotype IgG1 control (filled diamond). Percent stimulation index (%SI) is the ratio of the response at a given MAb concentration to the maximal response with no MAb present. Data is representative of multiple assays using at least two different stimulator/responder pairs.

**Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments****I. Definitions**

Unless indicated otherwise, the term "CD11a" when used herein refers to the alpha subunit of LFA-1 from any mammal, but preferably from a human. The CD11a may be isolated from a natural source of the molecule or may be produced by synthetic means (e.g., using recombinant DNA technology.) The amino acid sequence for human CD11a is described in EP 362 526B1, for example.

The term "I-domain" of CD11a refers to the region of this molecule delineated in Champe *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:1388-1394 (1995) and/or Qu *et al.* *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 92:10277-10281 (1995). The amino acid sequences of human CD11a I-domain (SEQ ID NO:7) and rhesus CD11a I-domain (SEQ ID NO:8) are depicted in Fig. 2 herein.

The term "epitope MHM24" when used herein, unless indicated otherwise, refers to the region in the I-domain of human CD11a to which the MHM24 antibody (see Example below) binds. This epitope comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9 and, optionally, other amino acid residues of CD11a and/or CD18.

The term "LFA-1-mediated disorder" refers to a pathological state caused by cell adherence interactions involving the LFA-1 receptor on lymphocytes. Examples of such disorders include T cell inflammatory responses such as inflammatory skin diseases including psoriasis; responses associated with inflammatory bowel disease (such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis); adult respiratory distress syndrome; dermatitis; meningitis; encephalitis; uveitis; allergic conditions such as eczema and asthma; conditions involving infiltration of T cells and chronic inflammatory responses; skin hypersensitivity reactions (including poison ivy and poison oak); atherosclerosis; leukocyte adhesion deficiency; autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), diabetes mellitus, multiple sclerosis, Reynaud's syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis, Sjorgen's syndrome, juvenile onset diabetes, and immune responses associated with delayed hypersensitivity mediated by cytokines and T-lymphocytes typically found in tuberculosis, sarcoidosis, polymyositis, granulomatosis and vasculitis; pernicious anemia; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); bronchitis; insulinitis; rhinitis; urticaria; glomerulonephritis; diseases involving leukocyte diapedesis; CNS inflammatory disorder; multiple organ injury syndrome secondary to septicaemia or trauma; autoimmune hemolytic anemia; myelothemia gravis; antigen-antibody complex mediated diseases; nephrotic syndrome; malignancies (e.g., B-cell malignancies such as chronic lymphocytic leukemia or hairy cell leukemia); all types of transplantations, including graft vs. host or host vs. graft disease; HIV and rhinovirus infection; pulmonary fibrosis; invasion of tumor cells into secondary organs etc.

The term "immunosuppressive agent" as used herein for adjunct therapy refers to substances that act to suppress or mask the immune system of the host into which the graft is being transplanted. This would include substances that suppress cytokine production, downregulate or suppress self-antigen expression, or mask the MHC antigens. Examples of such agents include 2-amino-6-aryl-5-substituted pyrimidines (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,665,077), azathioprine (or cyclophosphamide, if there is an adverse reaction to azathioprine); bromocryptine; glutaraldehyde (which masks the MHC antigens, as described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,120,649); anti-idiotypic antibodies for MHC antigens and MHC fragments; cyclosporin A; steroids such as glucocorticosteroids, e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone, and dexamethasone; cytokine or cytokine receptor

antagonists including anti-interferon- $\gamma$ , - $\beta$ , or - $\alpha$  antibodies; anti-tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  antibodies; anti-tumor necrosis factor- $\beta$  antibodies; anti-interleukin-2 antibodies and anti-IL-2 receptor antibodies; anti-L3T4 antibodies; heterologous anti-lymphocyte globulin; pan-T antibodies, preferably anti-CD3 or anti-CD4/CD4a antibodies; soluble peptide containing a LFA-3 binding domain (WO 90/08187 published 7/26/90); 5 streptokinase; TGF- $\beta$ ; streptodornase; RNA or DNA from the host; FK506; RS-61443; deoxyspergualin; rapamycin; T-cell receptor (U.S. Pat. No. 5,114,721); T-cell receptor fragments (Offner *et al.*, *Science* 251:430-432 (1991); WO 90/11294; and WO 91/01133); and T cell receptor antibodies (EP 340,109) such as T10B9. These agents are administered at the same time or at separate times from the CD11a antibody, and are used at the same or lesser dosages than as set forth in the art. The preferred adjunct immunosuppressive agent 10 will depend on many factors, including the type of disorder being treated including the type of transplantation being performed, as well as the patient's history, but a general overall preference is that the agent be selected from cyclosporin A, a glucocorticosteroid (most preferably prednisone or methylprednisolone), OKT-3 monoclonal antibody, azathioprine, bromocryptine, heterologous anti-lymphocyte globulin, or a mixture thereof.

15 "Treatment" refers to both therapeutic treatment and prophylactic or preventative measures. Those in need of treatment include those already with the disorder as well as those in which the disorder is to be prevented.

20 "Mammal" for purposes of treatment refers to any animal classified as a mammal, including humans, domestic and farm animals, and zoo, sports, or pet animals, such as dogs, horses, cats, cows, etc. Preferably, the mammal is human.

25 The term "graft" as used herein refers to biological material derived from a donor for transplantation into a recipient. Grafts include such diverse material as, for example, isolated cells such as islet cells and neural-derived cells (e.g. schwann cells), tissue such as the amniotic membrane of a newborn, bone marrow, hematopoietic precursor cells, and organs such as skin, heart, liver, spleen, pancreas, thyroid lobe, lung, kidney, tubular organs (e.g., intestine, blood vessels, or esophagus), etc. The tubular organs can be used to replace damaged portions of esophagus, blood vessels, or bile duct. The skin grafts can be used not only for burns, but also as a dressing to damaged intestine or to close certain defects such as diaphragmatic hernia. The graft is derived from any mammalian source, including human, whether from cadavers or living donors. Preferably the graft is bone marrow or an organ such as heart and the donor of the graft and the host are matched for HLA 30 class II antigens.

35 The term "donor" as used herein refers to the mammalian species, dead or alive, from which the graft is derived. Preferably, the donor is human. Human donors are preferably volunteer blood-related donors that are normal on physical examination and of the same major ABO blood group, because crossing major blood group barriers possibly prejudices survival of the allograft. It is, however, possible to transplant, for example, a kidney of a type O donor into an A, B or AB recipient.

The term "transplant" and variations thereof refers to the insertion of a graft into a host, whether the transplantation is syngeneic (where the donor and recipient are genetically identical), allogeneic (where the donor and recipient are of different genetic origins but of the same species), or xenogeneic (where the donor and recipient are from different species). Thus, in a typical scenario, the host is human and the graft is an

isograft, derived from a human of the same or different genetic origins. In another scenario, the graft is derived from a species different from that into which it is transplanted, such as a baboon heart transplanted into a human recipient host, and including animals from phylogenically widely separated species, for example, a pig heart valve, or animal beta islet cells or neuronal cells transplanted into a human host.

5 "Increasing tolerance of a transplanted graft" by a host refers to prolonging the survival of a graft in a host in which it is transplanted, *i.e.*, suppressing the immune system of the host so that it will better tolerate a foreign transplant.

"Intermittent" or "periodic" dosing is a dosing that is continuous for a certain period of time and is at regular intervals that are preferably separated by more than one day.

10 "Selective tolerance" of the disorder refers to a tolerance by the host's immune system for the specific agent causing the disorder, but retaining the ability of the host to reject a second allogeneic or xenogeneic graft. Preferably, the tolerance is such that the immune system is left otherwise intact.

15 The term "LFA-1 antagonist" refers to a molecule that acts as a competitive inhibitor of the LFA-1 interaction with ICAM-1. Examples of such molecules include antibodies directed against either CD11a (*e.g.*, the humanized anti-CD11a antibodies described herein) or CD18 or both, antibodies to ICAM-1, and other molecules such as peptides (*e.g.*, peptidomimetic antagonists).

The term "VLA-4 antagonist" refers to a molecule that acts as a competitive inhibitor of the VLA-4 interaction with VCAM. Examples of such molecules include antibodies directed against either VLA-4 or VCAM and other molecules (*e.g.*, peptidomimetic antagonists).

20 The term "antibody" is used in the broadest sense and specifically covers monoclonal antibodies (including full length monoclonal antibodies), polyclonal antibodies, multispecific antibodies (*e.g.*, bispecific antibodies), and antibody fragments so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity.

25 "Antibody fragments" comprise a portion of a full length antibody, generally the antigen binding or variable region thereof. Examples of antibody fragments include Fab, Fab', F(ab')<sub>2</sub>, and Fv fragments; diabodies; linear antibodies; single-chain antibody molecules; and multispecific antibodies formed from antibody fragments.

30 The term "monoclonal antibody" as used herein refers to an antibody obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, *i.e.*, the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations that may be present in minor amounts. Monoclonal antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic site. Furthermore, in contrast to conventional (polyclonal) antibody preparations which typically include different antibodies directed against different determinants (epitopes), each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single determinant on the antigen. The modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. For example, the monoclonal antibodies to be used in accordance with the present invention may be made by the hybridoma method first described by Kohler *et al.*, *Nature* 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (*see, e.g.*, U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567). The "monoclonal antibodies" may also be isolated from phage antibody libraries using the techniques described in Clackson *et al.*, *Nature* 352:624-628 (1991) and Marks *et al.*, *J. Mol. Biol.* 222:581-597 (1991), for example.

The monoclonal antibodies herein specifically include "chimeric" antibodies (immunoglobulins) in which a portion of the heavy and/or light chain is identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from a particular species or belonging to a particular antibody class or subclass, while the remainder of the chain(s) is identical with or homologous to corresponding sequences in antibodies derived from another species or belonging to another antibody class or subclass, as well as fragments of such antibodies, so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567; and Morrison *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 81:6851-6855 (1984)).

The term "hypervariable region" when used herein refers to the amino acid residues of an antibody which are responsible for antigen-binding. The hypervariable region comprises amino acid residues from a "complementarity determining region" or "CDR" (*i.e.* residues 24-34 (L1), 50-56 (L2) and 89-97 (L3) in the light chain variable domain and 31-35 (H1), 50-65 (H2) and 95-102 (H3) in the heavy chain variable domain; Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. (1991)) and/or those residues from a "hypervariable loop" (*i.e.* residues 26-32 (L1), 50-52 (L2) and 91-96 (L3) in the light chain variable domain and 26-32 (H1), 53-55 (H2) and 96-101 (H3) in the heavy chain variable domain; Chothia and Lesk *J. Mol. Biol.* 196:901-917 (1987)). "Framework" or "FR" residues are those variable domain residues other than the hypervariable region residues as herein defined.

"Humanized" forms of non-human (*e.g.*, murine) antibodies are chimeric antibodies which contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. For the most part, humanized antibodies are human immunoglobulins (recipient antibody) in which hypervariable region residues of the recipient are replaced by hypervariable region residues from a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat, rabbit or nonhuman primate having the desired specificity, affinity, and capacity. In some instances, Fv framework region (FR) residues of the human immunoglobulin are replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Furthermore, humanized antibodies may comprise residues which are not found in the recipient antibody or in the donor antibody. These modifications are made to further refine antibody performance. In general, the humanized antibody will comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the hypervariable loops correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin and all or substantially all of the FR regions are those of a human immunoglobulin sequence. The humanized antibody optionally also will comprise at least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin. For further details, see Jones *et al.*, *Nature* 321:522-525 (1986); Reichmann *et al.*, *Nature* 332:323-329 (1988); and Presta, *Curr. Op. Struct. Biol.* 2:593-596 (1992).

"Single-chain Fv" or "sFv" antibody fragments comprise the V<sub>H</sub> and V<sub>L</sub> domains of antibody, wherein these domains are present in a single polypeptide chain. Generally, the Fv polypeptide further comprises a polypeptide linker between the V<sub>H</sub> and V<sub>L</sub> domains which enables the sFv to form the desired structure for antigen binding. For a review of sFv see Pluckthun in *The Pharmacology of Monoclonal Antibodies*, vol. 113, Rosenburg and Moore eds. Springer-Verlag, New York, pp. 269-315 (1994).

The term "diabodies" refers to small antibody fragments with two antigen-binding sites, which fragments comprise a heavy chain variable domain (V<sub>H</sub>) connected to a light chain variable domain (V<sub>L</sub>) in the same polypeptide chain (V<sub>H</sub> - V<sub>L</sub>). By using a linker that is too short to allow pairing between the two

domains on the same chain, the domains are forced to pair with the complementary domains of another chain and create two antigen-binding sites. Diabodies are described more fully in, for example, EP 404,097; WO 93/11161; and Hollinger *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 90:6444-6448 (1993).

The expression "linear antibodies" when used throughout this application refers to the antibodies described in Zapata *et al.* *Protein Eng.* 8(10):1057-1062 (1995). Briefly, these antibodies comprise a pair of tandem Fd segments ( $V_H-C_H^1-V_H-C_H^1$ ) which form a pair of antigen binding regions. Linear antibodies can be bispecific or monospecific.

An "isolated" antibody is one which has been identified and separated and/or recovered from a component of its natural environment. Contaminant components of its natural environment are materials which would interfere with diagnostic or therapeutic uses for the antibody, and may include enzymes, hormones, and other proteinaceous or nonproteinaceous solutes. In preferred embodiments, the antibody will be purified (1) to greater than 95% by weight of antibody as determined by the Lowry method, and most preferably more than 99% by weight, (2) to a degree sufficient to obtain at least 15 residues of N-terminal or internal amino acid sequence by use of a spinning cup sequenator, or (3) to homogeneity by SDS-PAGE under reducing or nonreducing conditions using Coomassie blue or, preferably, silver stain. Isolated antibody includes the antibody *in situ* within recombinant cells since at least one component of the antibody's natural environment will not be present. Ordinarily, however, isolated antibody will be prepared by at least one purification step.

The term "epitope tagged" when used herein refers to the anti-CD11a antibody fused to an "epitope tag". The epitope tag polypeptide has enough residues to provide an epitope against which an antibody thereagainst can be made, yet is short enough such that it does not interfere with activity of the CD11a antibody. The epitope tag preferably is sufficiently unique so that the antibody thereagainst does not substantially cross-react with other epitopes. Suitable tag polypeptides generally have at least 6 amino acid residues and usually between about 8-50 amino acid residues (preferably between about 9-30 residues). Examples include the flu HA tag polypeptide and its antibody 12CA5 (Field *et al.* *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 8:2159-2165 (1988)); the c-myc tag and the 8F9, 3C7, 6E10, G4, B7 and 9E10 antibodies thereto (Evan *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 5(12):3610-3616 (1985)); and the Herpes Simplex virus glycoprotein D (gD) tag and its antibody (Paborsky *et al.*, *Protein Engineering* 3(6):547-553 (1990)). In certain embodiments, the epitope tag is a "salvage receptor binding epitope".

As used herein, the term "salvage receptor binding epitope" refers to an epitope of the Fc region of an IgG molecule (e.g., IgG<sub>1</sub>, IgG<sub>2</sub>, IgG<sub>3</sub>, or IgG<sub>4</sub>) that is responsible for increasing the *in vivo* serum half-life of the IgG molecule.

The term "cytotoxic agent" as used herein refers to a substance that inhibits or prevents the function of cells and/or causes destruction of cells. The term is intended to include radioactive isotopes (e.g., I<sup>131</sup>, I<sup>125</sup>, Y<sup>90</sup> and Re<sup>186</sup>), chemotherapeutic agents, and toxins such as enzymatically active toxins of bacterial, fungal, plant or animal origin, or fragments thereof.

A "chemotherapeutic agent" is a chemical compound useful in the treatment of cancer. Examples of chemotherapeutic agents include Adriamycin, Doxorubicin, 5-Fluorouracil, Cytosine arabinoside ("Ara-C"), Cyclophosphamide, Thiotepa, Taxotere (docetaxel), Busulfan, Cytoxin, Taxol, Methotrexate, Cisplatin, Melphalan, Vinblastine, Bleomycin, Etoposide, Ifosfamide, Mitomycin C, Mitoxantrone, Vincreistine,

Vinorelbine, Carboplatin, Teniposide, Daunomycin, Carminomycin, Aminopterin, Dactinomycin, Mitomycins, Esperamicins (see U.S. Pat. No. 4,675,187), Melphalan and other related nitrogen mustards.

The term "prodrug" as used in this application refers to a precursor or derivative form of a pharmaceutically active substance that is less cytotoxic to tumor cells compared to the parent drug and is capable of being enzymatically activated or converted into the more active parent form. See, e.g., Wilman, "Prodrugs in Cancer Chemotherapy" *Biochemical Society Transactions*, 14, pp. 375-382, 615th Meeting Belfast (1986) and Stella *et al.*, "Prodrugs: A Chemical Approach to Targeted Drug Delivery," *Directed Drug Delivery*, Borchardt *et al.*, (ed.), pp. 247-267, Humana Press (1985). The prodrugs of this invention include, but are not limited to, phosphate-containing prodrugs, thiophosphate-containing prodrugs, sulfate-containing prodrugs, peptide-containing prodrugs, D-amino acid-modified prodrugs, glycosylated prodrugs,  $\beta$ -lactam-containing prodrugs, optionally substituted phenoxyacetamide-containing prodrugs or optionally substituted phenylacetamide-containing prodrugs, 5-fluorocytosine and other 5-fluorouridine prodrugs which can be converted into the more active cytotoxic free drug. Examples of cytotoxic drugs that can be derivatized into a prodrug form for use in this invention include, but are not limited to, those chemotherapeutic agents described above.

The word "label" when used herein refers to a detectable compound or composition which is conjugated directly or indirectly to the antibody. The label may itself be detectable by itself (e.g., radioisotope labels or fluorescent labels) or, in the case of an enzymatic label, may catalyze chemical alteration of a substrate compound or composition which is detectable.

By "solid phase" is meant a non-aqueous matrix to which the antibody of the present invention can adhere. Examples of solid phases encompassed herein include those formed partially or entirely of glass (e.g. controlled pore glass), polysaccharides (e.g., agarose), polyacrylamides, polystyrene, polyvinyl alcohol and silicones. In certain embodiments, depending on the context, the solid phase can comprise the well of an assay plate; in others it is a purification column (e.g. an affinity chromatography column). This term also includes a discontinuous solid phase of discrete particles, such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 4,275,149.

A "liposome" is a small vesicle composed of various types of lipids, phospholipids and/or surfactant which is useful for delivery of a drug (such as the anti-CD11a antibodies disclosed herein and, optionally, a chemotherapeutic agent) to a mammal. The components of the liposome are commonly arranged in a bilayer formation, similar to the lipid arrangement of biological membranes.

An "isolated" nucleic acid molecule is a nucleic acid molecule that is identified and separated from at least one contaminant nucleic acid molecule with which it is ordinarily associated in the natural source of the antibody nucleic acid. An isolated nucleic acid molecule is other than in the form or setting in which it is found in nature. Isolated nucleic acid molecules therefore are distinguished from the nucleic acid molecule as it exists in natural cells. However, an isolated nucleic acid molecule includes a nucleic acid molecule contained in cells that ordinarily express the antibody where, for example, the nucleic acid molecule is in a chromosomal location different from that of natural cells.

The expression "control sequences" refers to DNA sequences necessary for the expression of an operably linked coding sequence in a particular host organism. The control sequences that are suitable for

prokaryotes, for example, include a promoter, optionally an operator sequence, and a ribosome binding site. Eukaryotic cells are known to utilize promoters, polyadenylation signals, and enhancers.

Nucleic acid is "operably linked" when it is placed into a functional relationship with another nucleic acid sequence. For example, DNA for a presequence or secretory leader is operably linked to DNA for a polypeptide if it is expressed as a preprotein that participates in the secretion of the polypeptide; a promoter or enhancer is operably linked to a coding sequence if it affects the transcription of the sequence; or a ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to facilitate translation. Generally, "operably linked" means that the DNA sequences being linked are contiguous, and, in the case of a secretory leader, contiguous and in reading phase. However, enhancers do not have to be contiguous. Linking is accomplished by ligation at convenient restriction sites. If such sites do not exist, the synthetic oligonucleotide adaptors or linkers are used in accordance with conventional practice.

As used herein, the expressions "cell," "cell line," and "cell culture" are used interchangeably and all such designations include progeny. Thus, the words "transformants" and "transformed cells" include the primary subject cell and cultures derived therefrom without regard for the number of transfers. It is also understood that all progeny may not be precisely identical in DNA content, due to deliberate or inadvertent mutations. Mutant progeny that have the same function or biological activity as screened for in the originally transformed cell are included. Where distinct designations are intended, it will be clear from the context.

## II. Modes for Carrying out the Invention

### A. Antibody Preparation

A method for humanizing a nonhuman CD11a antibody is described in the Example below. In order to humanize an anti-CD11a antibody, the nonhuman antibody starting material is prepared. Exemplary techniques for generating such antibodies will be described in the following sections.

#### (i) Antigen preparation.

The CD11a antigen to be used for production of antibodies may be, e.g., a soluble form of the extracellular domain of CD11a or other fragment of CD11a (e.g. a CD11a fragment comprising the "MHM24 epitope", such as CD11a I-domain fragment). Alternatively, cells expressing CD11a at their cell surface can be used to generate antibodies. Such cells can be transformed to express CD11a and, optionally, CD18 or may be other naturally occurring cells (e.g. human lymphoblastoid cells, see Hildreth *et al.* *Eur. J. Immunol.* 13:202-208 (1983)) or Jurkat cells (see Example below). Other forms of CD11a useful for generating antibodies will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

#### (ii) Polyclonal antibodies

Polyclonal antibodies are preferably raised in animals by multiple subcutaneous (sc) or intraperitoneal (ip) injections of the relevant antigen and an adjuvant. It may be useful to conjugate the relevant antigen to a protein that is immunogenic in the species to be immunized, e.g., keyhole limpet hemocyanin, serum albumin, bovine thyroglobulin, or soybean trypsin inhibitor using a bifunctional or derivatizing agent, for example, maleimidobenzoyl sulfosuccinimide ester (conjugation through cysteine residues), N-hydroxysuccinimide (through lysine residues), glutaraldehyde, succinic anhydride, SOCl<sub>2</sub>, or R<sup>1</sup>N=C=NR, where R and R<sup>1</sup> are different alkyl groups.

Animals are immunized against the antigen, immunogenic conjugates, or derivatives by combining, e.g., 100 µg or 5 µg of the protein or conjugate (for rabbits or mice, respectively) with 3 volumes of Freund's complete adjuvant and injecting the solution intradermally at multiple sites. One month later the animals are boosted with 1/5 to 1/10 the original amount of peptide or conjugate in Freund's complete adjuvant by 5 subcutaneous injection at multiple sites. Seven to 14 days later the animals are bled and the serum is assayed for antibody titer. Animals are boosted until the titer plateaus. Preferably, the animal is boosted with the conjugate of the same antigen, but conjugated to a different protein and/or through a different cross-linking reagent. Conjugates also can be made in recombinant cell culture as protein fusions. Also, aggregating agents such as alum are suitably used to enhance the immune response.

10                   (iii)     *Monoclonal antibodies*

Monoclonal antibodies may be made using the hybridoma method first described by Kohler *et al.*, *Nature*, 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567).

In the hybridoma method, a mouse or other appropriate host animal, such as a hamster or macaque monkey, is immunized as hereinabove described to elicit lymphocytes that produce or are capable of producing 15 antibodies that will specifically bind to the protein used for immunization. Alternatively, lymphocytes may be immunized *in vitro*. Lymphocytes then are fused with myeloma cells using a suitable fusing agent, such as polyethylene glycol, to form a hybridoma cell (Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, pp.59-103 (Academic Press, 1986)).

The hybridoma cells thus prepared are seeded and grown in a suitable culture medium that preferably 20 contains one or more substances that inhibit the growth or survival of the unfused, parental myeloma cells. For example, if the parental myeloma cells lack the enzyme hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT or HPRT), the culture medium for the hybridomas typically will include hypoxanthine, aminopterin, and thymidine (HAT medium), which substances prevent the growth of HGPRT-deficient cells.

Preferred myeloma cells are those that fuse efficiently, support stable high-level production of 25 antibody by the selected antibody-producing cells, and are sensitive to a medium such as HAT medium. Among these, preferred myeloma cell lines are murine myeloma lines, such as those derived from MOP-21 and M.C.-11 mouse tumors available from the Salk Institute Cell Distribution Center, San Diego, California USA, and SP-2 or X63-Ag8-653 cells available from the American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, Maryland USA. Human myeloma and mouse-human heteromyeloma cell lines also have been described for the 30 production of human monoclonal antibodies (Kozbor, *J. Immunol.*, 133:3001 (1984); Brodeur *et al.*, *Monoclonal Antibody Production Techniques and Applications*, pp. 51-63 (Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 1987)).

Culture medium in which hybridoma cells are growing is assayed for production of monoclonal 35 antibodies directed against the antigen. Preferably, the binding specificity of monoclonal antibodies produced by hybridoma cells is determined by immunoprecipitation or by an *in vitro* binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA).

The binding affinity of the monoclonal antibody can, for example, be determined by the Scatchard analysis of Munson *et al.*, *Anal. Biochem.*, 107:220 (1980).

After hybridoma cells are identified that produce antibodies of the desired specificity, affinity, and/or activity, the clones may be subcloned by limiting dilution procedures and grown by standard methods (Goding, *Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice*, pp.59-103 (Academic Press, 1986)). Suitable culture media for this purpose include, for example, D-MEM or RPMI-1640 medium. In addition, the hybridoma cells may 5 be grown *in vivo* as ascites tumors in an animal.

The monoclonal antibodies secreted by the subclones are suitably separated from the culture medium, ascites fluid, or serum by conventional immunoglobulin purification procedures such as, for example, protein A-Sepharose, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, or affinity chromatography.

DNA encoding the monoclonal antibodies is readily isolated and sequenced using conventional 10 procedures (e.g., by using oligonucleotide probes that are capable of binding specifically to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of the monoclonal antibodies). The hybridoma cells serve as a preferred source of such DNA. Once isolated, the DNA may be placed into expression vectors, which are then transfected into host cells such as *E. coli* cells, simian COS cells, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, or myeloma cells that do not otherwise produce immunoglobulin protein, to obtain the synthesis of monoclonal antibodies in the 15 recombinant host cells. Recombinant production of antibodies will be described in more detail below.

(iv) *Humanization and amino acid sequence variants*

The Example below describes a procedure for humanization of an anti-CD11a antibody. In certain embodiments, it may be desirable to generate amino acid sequence variants of the humanized antibody, particularly where these improve the binding affinity or other biological properties of the humanized antibody.

20 Amino acid sequence variants of humanized anti-CD11a antibody are prepared by introducing appropriate nucleotide changes into the humanized anti-CD11a antibody DNA, or by peptide synthesis. Such variants include, for example, deletions from, and/or insertions into and/or substitutions of, residues within the amino acid sequences shown for the humanized anti-CD11a F(ab)-8 (e.g. as in SEQ ID NO's 2 & 5). Any combination of deletion, insertion, and substitution is made to arrive at the final construct, provided that the 25 final construct possesses the desired characteristics. The amino acid changes also may alter post-translational processes of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody, such as changing the number or position of glycosylation sites.

A useful method for identification of certain residues or regions of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody polypeptide that are preferred locations for mutagenesis is called "alanine scanning mutagenesis," as 30 described by Cunningham and Wells *Science*, 244:1081-1085 (1989). Here, a residue or group of target residues are identified (e.g., charged residues such as arg, asp, his, lys, and glu) and replaced by a neutral or negatively charged amino acid (most preferably alanine or polyalanine) to affect the interaction of the amino acids with CD11a antigen. Those amino acid locations demonstrating functional sensitivity to the substitutions then are refined by introducing further or other variants at, or for, the sites of substitution. Thus, while the site 35 for introducing an amino acid sequence variation is predetermined, the nature of the mutation *per se* need not be predetermined. For example, to analyze the performance of a mutation at a given site, ala scanning or random mutagenesis is conducted at the target codon or region and the expressed humanized anti-CD11a antibody variants are screened for the desired activity.

Amino acid sequence insertions include amino- and/or carboxyl-terminal fusions ranging in length from one residue to polypeptides containing a hundred or more residues, as well as intrasequence insertions of single or multiple amino acid residues. Examples of terminal insertions include humanized anti-CD11a antibody with an N-terminal methionyl residue or the antibody fused to an epitope tag. Other insertional variants of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody molecule include the fusion to the N- or C-terminus of humanized anti-CD11a antibody of an enzyme or a polypeptide which increases the serum half-life of the antibody (see below).

Another type of variant is an amino acid substitution variant. These variants have at least one amino acid residue in the humanized anti-CD11a antibody molecule removed and a different residue inserted in its place. The sites of greatest interest for substitutional mutagenesis include the hypervariable loops, but FR alterations are also contemplated. Table IV in the Example below provides guidance as to hypervariable region residues which can be altered. Hypervariable region residues or FR residues involved in antigen binding are generally substituted in a relatively conservative manner. Such conservative substitutions are shown in Table I under the heading of "preferred substitutions". If such substitutions result in a change in biological activity, then more substantial changes, denominated "exemplary substitutions" in Table I, or as further described below in reference to amino acid classes, are introduced and the products screened.

Table I

	Original Residue	Exemplary Substitutions	Preferred Substitutions
	Ala (A)	val; leu; ile	val
20	Arg (R)	lys; gln; asn	lys
	Asn (N)	gln; his; lys; arg	gln
	Asp (D)	glu	glu
	Cys (C)	ser	ser
	Gln (Q)	asn	asn
25	Glu (E)	asp	asp
	Gly (G)	pro; ala	ala
	His (H)	asn; gln; lys; arg	arg
	Ile (I)	leu; val; met; ala; phe; norleucine	leu
	Leu (L)	norleucine; ile; val; met; ala; phe	ile
30	Lys (K)	arg; gln; asn	arg
	Met (M)	leu; phe; ile	leu
	Phe (F)	leu; val; ile; ala; tyr	leu
	Pro (P)	ala	ala
	Ser (S)	thr	thr

Thr (T)	ser	ser
Trp (W)	tyr; phe	tyr
Tyr (Y)	trp; phe; thr; ser	phe
Val (V)	ile; leu; met; phe; ala; norleucine	leu

5 Substantial modifications in the biological properties of the antibody are accomplished by selecting substitutions that differ significantly in their effect on maintaining (a) the structure of the polypeptide backbone in the area of the substitution, for example, as a sheet or helical conformation, (b) the charge or hydrophobicity of the molecule at the target site, or (c) the bulk of the side chain. Naturally occurring residues are divided into groups based on common side-chain properties:

- 10 (1) hydrophobic: norleucine, met, ala, val, leu, ile;
- (2) neutral hydrophilic: cys, ser, thr;
- (3) acidic: asp, glu;
- (4) basic: asn, gln, his, lys, arg;
- (5) residues that influence chain orientation: gly, pro; and
- 15 (6) aromatic: trp, tyr, phe.

Non-conservative substitutions will entail exchanging a member of one of these classes for another class. Any cysteine residue not involved in maintaining the proper conformation of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody also may be substituted, generally with serine, to improve the oxidative stability of the molecule and prevent aberrant crosslinking. Conversely, cysteine bond(s) may be added to the antibody to 20 improve its stability (particularly where the antibody is an antibody fragment such as an Fv fragment).

Another type of amino acid variant of the antibody alters the original glycosylation pattern of the antibody. By altering is meant deleting one or more carbohydrate moieties found in the antibody, and/or adding one or more glycosylation sites that are not present in the antibody.

Glycosylation of antibodies is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment 25 of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. The tripeptide sequences asparagine-X-serine and asparagine-X-threonine, where X is any amino acid except proline, are the recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain. Thus, the presence of either of these tripeptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acetylglucosamine, galactose, or xylose to a hydroxyamino 30 acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used.

Addition of glycosylation sites to the antibody is conveniently accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tripeptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the sequence of the original antibody (for O-linked glycosylation sites).

35 Nucleic acid molecules encoding amino acid sequence variants of humanized anti-CD11a antibody are prepared by a variety of methods known in the art. These methods include, but are not limited to, isolation from a natural source (in the case of naturally occurring amino acid sequence variants) or preparation by

oligonucleotide-mediated (or site-directed) mutagenesis, PCR mutagenesis, and cassette mutagenesis of an earlier prepared variant or a non-variant version of humanized anti-CD11a antibody.

Ordinarily, amino acid sequence variants of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody will have an amino acid sequence having at least 75% amino acid sequence identity with the original humanized antibody amino acid sequences of either the heavy or the light chain (e.g. as in SEQ ID NO:2 or 5), more preferably at least 80%, more preferably at least 85%, more preferably at least 90%, and most preferably at least 95%. Identity or homology with respect to this sequence is defined herein as the percentage of amino acid residues in the candidate sequence that are identical with the humanized anti-CD11a residues, after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and not considering any conservative substitutions (as defined in Table I above) as part of the sequence identity. None of N-terminal, C-terminal, or internal extensions, deletions, or insertions into the antibody sequence shall be construed as affecting sequence identity or homology.

(v) *Screening for biological properties*

Antibodies having the characteristics identified herein as being desirable in a humanized anti-CD11a antibody are screened for.

To screen for antibodies which bind to the epitope on CD11a bound by an antibody of interest (e.g., those which block binding of the MHM24 antibody to CD11a), a routine cross-blocking assay such as that described in *Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Ed Harlow and David Lane (1988), can be performed. Alternatively, epitope mapping, e.g. as described in Champe *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:1388-1394 (1995), can be performed to determine whether the antibody binds an epitope of interest.

Antibody affinities (e.g. for human CD11a or rhesus CD11a) may be determined by saturation binding using either peripheral blood mononuclear cells or rhesus leukocytes as described in the Example below. According to this method for determining antibody affinity, lymphocytes or rhesus leukocytes are added to the plates in a volume of 170  $\mu$ l per well and plates are incubated for 2 hr at room. After incubation, cells are harvested and washed 10 times. Samples are then counted. Data is transformed from counts per minute to nanomolarity and four-parameter curve-fitting of saturation plots (bound versus total) are then performed to determine  $K_d$  (app) values. Preferred humanized antibodies are those which bind human CD11a with a  $K_d$  value of no more than about  $1 \times 10^{-7}$ ; preferably no more than about  $1 \times 10^{-8}$ ; more preferably no more than about  $1 \times 10^{-9}$ ; and most preferably no more than about  $2 \times 10^{-10}$ .

It is also desirable to select humanized antibodies which have beneficial anti-adhesion properties in the "keratinocyte monolayer adhesion assay". Preferred antibodies are those which have an IC<sub>50</sub> (nM) value of no more than about 250nM; preferably no more than about 100nM; more preferably no more than about 1nM and most preferably no more than about 0.5nM for preventing adhesion of Jurkat cells to normal human epidermal keratinocytes expressing ICAM-1. According to this assay, normal human epidermal keratinocytes are removed from culture flasks and resuspended in lymphocyte assay medium at a concentration of  $5 \times 10^5$  viable cells/ml. Aliquots of 0.1 ml/well are then cultured overnight in flat-bottom 96-well plates; appropriate wells are stimulated by addition of interferon-gamma at 100 units/well. Jurkat clone E6-1 cells are labeled, washed, resuspended to  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml, and incubated with 2-fold serial dilutions starting at 500ng/ml antibody at 4°C for 30 min. After removal of medium from the keratinocyte monolayer, 0.1 ml/well of labeled

cells are added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h. The wells are washed to remove non-attached cells and fluorescence is measured.

Desirable humanized anti-CD11a antibodies are those which have an IC<sub>50</sub> (nM) value of no more than about 100nM; preferably no more than about 50nM; more preferably no more than about 5nM and most 5 preferably no more than about 1nM in the mixed lymphocyte response (MLR) assay, using human lymphocytes. For both human and rhesus MLR, peripheral blood lymphocytes from two unrelated donors are isolated from whole, heparinized blood and are resuspended to a concentration of  $3 \times 10^6$  cells/ml in RPMI 1640 (GIBCO) with additives as described in the Example below. The stimulator cells are made unresponsive by irradiation. Responder cells at a concentration of  $1.5 \times 10^5$  cells per well are co-cultured with an equal number of 10 stimulator cells in 96-well, flat-bottom plates. Two-fold serial dilutions of antibody starting at a concentration of 10nM are added to the cultures to give a total volume of 200 µl/well. The cultures are incubated at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 days and then pulsed with 1 µCi/well of [<sup>3</sup>H]thymidine for 16 h and [<sup>3</sup>H]thymidine incorporation is measured.

(vi) *Antibody fragments*

15 In certain embodiments, the humanized CD11a antibody is an antibody fragment. Various techniques have been developed for the production of antibody fragments. Traditionally, these fragments were derived via proteolytic digestion of intact antibodies (see, e.g., Morimoto *et al.*, *Journal of Biochemical and Biophysical Methods* 24:107-117 (1992) and Brennan *et al.*, *Science* 229:81 (1985)). However, these fragments can now be produced directly by recombinant host cells. For example, Fab'-SH fragments can be 20 directly recovered from *E. coli* and chemically coupled to form F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments (Carter *et al.*, *Bio/Technology* 10:163-167 (1992)). According to another approach, F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments can be isolated directly from recombinant host cell culture. Other techniques for the production of antibody fragments will be apparent to the skilled practitioner.

(vii) *Multispecific antibodies*

25 In some embodiments, it may be desirable to generate multispecific (e.g. bispecific) humanized CD11a antibodies having binding specificities for at least two different epitopes. Exemplary bispecific antibodies may bind to two different epitopes of the CD11a protein. Alternatively, an anti-CD11a arm may be combined with an arm which binds to a triggering molecule on a leukocyte such as a T-cell receptor molecule (e.g., CD2 or CD3), or Fc receptors for IgG (FcγR), such as FcγRI (CD64), FcγRII (CD32) and FcγRIII (CD16) so as to 30 focus cellular defense mechanisms to the CD11a-expressing cell. Bispecific antibodies may also be used to localize cytotoxic agents to cells which express CD11a. These antibodies possess an CD11a-binding arm and an arm which binds the cytotoxic agent (e.g., saporin, anti-interferon-α, vinca alkaloid, ricin A chain, methotrexate or radioactive isotope hapten). Bispecific antibodies can be prepared as full length antibodies or antibody fragments (e.g., F(ab')<sub>2</sub> bispecific antibodies).

35 According to another approach for making bispecific antibodies, the interface between a pair of antibody molecules can be engineered to maximize the percentage of heterodimers which are recovered from recombinant cell culture. The preferred interface comprises at least a part of the C<sub>H</sub>3 domain of an antibody constant domain. In this method, one or more small amino acid side chains from the interface of the first antibody molecule are replaced with larger side chains (e.g., tyrosine or tryptophan). Compensatory "cavities"

of identical or similar size to the large side chain(s) are created on the interface of the second antibody molecule by replacing large amino acid side chains with smaller ones (e.g., alanine or threonine). This provides a mechanism for increasing the yield of the heterodimer over other unwanted end-products such as homodimers. See WO96/27011 published September 6, 1996.

5 Bispecific antibodies include cross-linked or "heteroconjugate" antibodies. For example, one of the antibodies in the heteroconjugate can be coupled to avidin, the other to biotin. Heteroconjugate antibodies may be made using any convenient cross-linking methods. Suitable cross-linking agents are well known in the art, and are disclosed in US Patent No. 4,676,980, along with a number of cross-linking techniques.

Techniques for generating bispecific antibodies from antibody fragments have also been described  
10 in the literature. For example, bispecific antibodies can be prepared using chemical linkage. Brennan *et al.*, *Science* 229:81 (1985) describe a procedure wherein intact antibodies are proteolytically cleaved to generate F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments. These fragments are reduced in the presence of the dithiol complexing agent sodium arsenite to stabilize vicinal dithiols and prevent intermolecular disulfide formation. The Fab' fragments generated are then converted to thionitrobenzoate (TNB) derivatives. One of the Fab'-TNB derivatives is then  
15 reconverted to the Fab'-thiol by reduction with mercaptoethylamine and is mixed with an equimolar amount of the other Fab'-TNB derivative to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibodies produced can be used as agents for the selective immobilization of enzymes.

Recent progress has facilitated the direct recovery of Fab'-SH fragments from *E. coli*, which can be chemically coupled to form bispecific antibodies. Shalaby *et al.*, *J. Exp. Med.* 175:217-225 (1992) describe  
20 the production of a fully humanized bispecific antibody F(ab')<sub>2</sub> molecule. Each Fab' fragment was separately secreted from *E. coli* and subjected to directed chemical coupling *in vitro* to form the bispecific antibody. The bispecific antibody thus formed was able to bind to cells overexpressing the HER2 receptor and normal human T cells, as well as trigger the lytic activity of human cytotoxic lymphocytes against human breast tumor targets.

Various techniques for making and isolating bispecific antibody fragments directly from recombinant  
25 cell culture have also been described. For example, bispecific antibodies have been produced using leucine zippers. Kostelny *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 148(5):1547-1553 (1992). The leucine zipper peptides from the Fos and Jun proteins were linked to the Fab' portions of two different antibodies by gene fusion. The antibody homodimers were reduced at the hinge region to form monomers and then re-oxidized to form the antibody heterodimers. This method can also be utilized for the production of antibody homodimers. The "diabody"  
30 technology described by Hollinger *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 90:6444-6448 (1993) has provided an alternative mechanism for making bispecific antibody fragments. The fragments comprise a heavy-chain variable domain (V<sub>H</sub>) connected to a light-chain variable domain (V<sub>L</sub>) by a linker which is too short to allow pairing between the two domains on the same chain. Accordingly, the V<sub>H</sub> and V<sub>L</sub> domains of one fragment are forced to pair with the complementary V<sub>L</sub> and V<sub>H</sub> domains of another fragment, thereby forming two  
35 antigen-binding sites. Another strategy for making bispecific antibody fragments by the use of single-chain Fv (sFv) dimers has also been reported. See Gruber *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 152:5368 (1994). Alternatively, the bispecific antibody may be a "linear antibody" produced as described in Zapata *et al.* *Protein Eng.* 8(10):1057-1062 (1995).

Antibodies with more than two valencies are contemplated. For example, trispecific antibodies can be prepared. Tutt *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 147:60 (1991).

(viii) *Other modifications*

Other modifications of the humanized anti-CD11a antibody are contemplated. For example, it may be desirable to modify the antibody of the invention with respect to effector function, so as to enhance the effectiveness of the antibody in treating cancer, for example. For example cysteine residue(s) may be introduced in the Fc region, thereby allowing interchain disulfide bond formation in this region. The homodimeric antibody thus generated may have improved internalization capability and/or increased complement-mediated cell killing and antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC). See Caron *et al.*, *J. Exp Med.* 176:1191-1195 (1992) and Shopes, *B. J. Immunol.* 148:2918-2922 (1992). Homodimeric antibodies with enhanced anti-tumor activity may also be prepared using heterobifunctional cross-linkers as described in Wolff *et al.*, *Cancer Research* 53:2560-2565 (1993). Alternatively, an antibody can be engineered which has dual Fc regions and may thereby have enhanced complement lysis and ADCC capabilities. See Stevenson *et al.*, *Anti-Cancer Drug Design* 3:219-230 (1989).

The invention also pertains to immunoconjugates comprising the antibody described herein conjugated to a cytotoxic agent such as a chemotherapeutic agent, toxin (*e.g.*, an enzymatically active toxin of bacterial, fungal, plant or animal origin, or fragments thereof), or a radioactive isotope (*i.e.*, a radioconjugate).

Chemotherapeutic agents useful in the generation of such immunoconjugates have been described above. Enzymatically active toxins and fragments thereof which can be used include diphtheria A chain, nonbinding active fragments of diphtheria toxin, exotoxin A chain (from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), ricin A chain, abrin A chain, modeccin A chain, alpha-sarcin, *Aleurites fordii* proteins, dianthin proteins, *Phytolaca americana* proteins (PAPI, PAPII, and PAP-S), momordica charantia inhibitor, curcin, crotin, sapaonaria officinalis inhibitor, gelonin, mitogellin, restrictocin, phenomycin, enomycin and the trichothecenes. A variety of radionuclides are available for the production of radioconjugated anti-CD11a antibodies. Examples include  $^{212}\text{Bi}$ ,  $^{131}\text{I}$ ,  $^{131}\text{In}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$  and  $^{186}\text{Re}$ .

Conjugates of the antibody and cytotoxic agent are made using a variety of bifunctional protein coupling agents such as N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridyldithiol) propionate (SPDP), iminothiolane (IT), bifunctional derivatives of imidoesters (such as dimethyl adipimidate HCL), active esters (such as disuccinimidyl suberate), aldehydes (such as glutaraldehyde), bis-azido compounds (such as bis-(*p*-azidobenzoyl)hexanediamine), bis-diazonium derivatives (such as bis-(*p*-diazoniumbenzoyl)-ethylenediamine), diisocyanates (such as tolyene 2,6-diisocyanate), and bis-active fluorine compounds (such as 1,5-difluoro-2,4-dinitrobenzene). For example, a ricin immunotoxin can be prepared as described in Vitetta *et al.*, *Science* 238:1098 (1987). Carbon-14-labeled 1-isothiocyanatobenzyl-3-methylethylene triaminepentaacetic acid (MX-DTPA) is an exemplary chelating agent for conjugation of radionucleotide to the antibody. See WO94/11026.

In another embodiment, the antibody may be conjugated to a "receptor" (such streptavidin) for utilization in tumor pretargeting wherein the antibody-receptor conjugate is administered to the patient, followed by removal of unbound conjugate from the circulation using a clearing agent and then administration of a "ligand" (*e.g.*, avidin) which is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent (*e.g.*, a radio nuclide).

The anti-CD11a antibodies disclosed herein may also be formulated as immunoliposomes. Liposomes containing the antibody are prepared by methods known in the art, such as described in Epstein *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:3688 (1985); Hwang *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:4030 (1980); and U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,485,045 and 4,544,545. Liposomes with enhanced circulation time are disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,013,556.

Particularly useful liposomes can be generated by the reverse phase evaporation method with a lipid composition comprising phosphatidylcholine, cholesterol and PEG-derivatized phosphatidylethanolamine (PEG-PE). Liposomes are extruded through filters of defined pore size to yield liposomes with the desired diameter. Fab' fragments of the antibody of the present invention can be conjugated to the liposomes as described in Martin *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 257:286-288 (1982) via a disulfide interchange reaction. A chemotherapeutic agent (such as Doxorubicin) is optionally contained within the liposome. See Gabizon *et al.*, *J. National Cancer Inst.* 81(19):1484 (1989).

The antibody of the present invention may also be used in ADEPT by conjugating the antibody to a prodrug-activating enzyme which converts a prodrug (e.g., a peptidyl chemotherapeutic agent, see WO81/01145) to an active anti-cancer drug. See, for example, WO 88/07378 and U.S. Patent No. 4,975,278.

The enzyme component of the immunoconjugate useful for ADEPT includes any enzyme capable of acting on a prodrug in such a way so as to convert it into its more active, cytotoxic form.

Enzymes that are useful in the method of this invention include, but are not limited to, alkaline phosphatase useful for converting phosphate-containing prodrugs into free drugs; arylsulfatase useful for converting sulfate-containing prodrugs into free drugs; cytosine deaminase useful for converting non-toxic 5-fluorocytosine into the anti-cancer drug, 5-fluorouracil; proteases, such as serratia protease, thermolysin, subtilisin, carboxypeptidases and cathepsins (such as cathepsins B and L), that are useful for converting peptide-containing prodrugs into free drugs; D-alanylcarboxypeptidases, useful for converting prodrugs that contain D-amino acid substituents; carbohydrate-cleaving enzymes such as  $\beta$ -galactosidase and neuraminidase useful for converting glycosylated prodrugs into free drugs;  $\beta$ -lactamase useful for converting drugs derivatized with  $\beta$ -lactams into free drugs; and penicillin amidases, such as penicillin V amidase or penicillin G amidase, useful for converting drugs derivatized at their amine nitrogens with phenoxyacetyl or phenylacetyl groups, respectively, into free drugs. Alternatively, antibodies with enzymatic activity, also known in the art as "abzymes", can be used to convert the prodrugs of the invention into free active drugs (see, e.g., Massey, *Nature* 328:457-458 (1987)). Antibody-abzyme conjugates can be prepared as described herein for delivery of the abzyme to a tumor cell population.

The enzymes of this invention can be covalently bound to the anti-CD11a antibodies by techniques well known in the art such as the use of the heterobifunctional crosslinking reagents discussed above. Alternatively, fusion proteins comprising at least the antigen binding region of an antibody of the invention linked to at least a functionally active portion of an enzyme of the invention can be constructed using recombinant DNA techniques well known in the art (see, e.g., Neuberger *et al.*, *Nature* 312:604-608 (1984)).

In certain embodiments of the invention, it may be desirable to use an antibody fragment, rather than an intact antibody, to increase tumor penetration, for example. In this case, it may be desirable to modify the antibody fragment in order to increase its serum half life. This may be achieved, for example, by incorporation

of a salvage receptor binding epitope into the antibody fragment (e.g., by mutation of the appropriate region in the antibody fragment or by incorporating the epitope into a peptide tag that is then fused to the antibody fragment at either end or in the middle, e.g., by DNA or peptide synthesis). See WO96/32478 published October 17, 1996.

- 5       The salvage receptor binding epitope generally constitutes a region wherein any one or more amino acid residues from one or two loops of a Fc domain are transferred to an analogous position of the antibody fragment. Even more preferably, three or more residues from one or two loops of the Fc domain are transferred. Still more preferred, the epitope is taken from the CH2 domain of the Fc region (e.g., of an IgG) and transferred to the CH1, CH3, or V<sub>H</sub> region, or more than one such region, of the antibody. Alternatively,  
10      the epitope is taken from the CH2 domain of the Fc region and transferred to the C<sub>L</sub> region or V<sub>L</sub> region, or both, of the antibody fragment.

In one most preferred embodiment, the salvage receptor binding epitope comprises the sequence (5' to 3'): PKNSSMISNTP (SEQ ID NO:16), and optionally further comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of HQSLGTQ (SEQ ID NO:17), HQLNSDGK (SEQ ID NO:18), HQNISDGK (SEQ ID NO:19),  
15      or VISSH LGQ (SEQ ID NO:20), particularly where the antibody fragment is a Fab or F(ab')<sub>2</sub>. In another most preferred embodiment, the salvage receptor binding epitope is a polypeptide containing the sequence(s)(5' to 3'): HQLNSDGK (SEQ ID NO:18), HQNISDGK (SEQ ID NO:19), or VISSH LGQ (SEQ ID NO:20) and the sequence: PKNSSMISNTP (SEQ ID NO:16).

Covalent modifications of the humanized CD11a antibody are also included within the scope of this  
20     invention. They may be made by chemical synthesis or by enzymatic or chemical cleavage of the antibody, if applicable. Other types of covalent modifications of the antibody are introduced into the molecule by reacting targeted amino acid residues of the antibody with an organic derivatizing agent that is capable of reacting with selected side chains or the N- or C-terminal residues.

Cysteinyl residues most commonly are reacted with  $\alpha$ -haloacetates (and corresponding amines), such  
25     as chloroacetic acid or chloroacetamide, to give carboxymethyl or carboxyamidomethyl derivatives. Cysteinyl residues also are derivatized by reaction with bromotrifluoroacetone,  $\alpha$ -bromo- $\beta$ -(5-imidozoyl)propionic acid, chloroacetyl phosphate, N-alkylmaleimides, 3-nitro-2-pyridyl disulfide, methyl 2-pyridyl disulfide, p-chloromercuribenzoate, 2-chloromercuri-4-nitrophenol, or chloro-7-nitrobenzo-2-oxa-1,3-diazole.

Histidyl residues are derivatized by reaction with diethylpyrocarbonate at pH 5.5-7.0 because this  
30     agent is relatively specific for the histidyl side chain. Para-bromophenacyl bromide also is useful; the reaction is preferably performed in 0.1 M sodium cacodylate at pH 6.0.

Lysinyl and amino-terminal residues are reacted with succinic or other carboxylic acid anhydrides. Derivatization with these agents has the effect of reversing the charge of the lysinyl residues. Other suitable reagents for derivatizing  $\alpha$ -amino-containing residues include imidoesters such as methyl picolinimidate,  
35     pyridoxal phosphate, pyridoxal, chloroborohydride, trinitrobenzenesulfonic acid, O-methylisourea, 2,4-pentanedione, and transaminase-catalyzed reaction with glyoxylate.

Arginyl residues are modified by reaction with one or several conventional reagents, among them phenylglyoxal, 2,3-butanedione, 1,2-cyclohexanedione, and ninhydrin. Derivatization of arginine residues requires that the reaction be performed in alkaline conditions because of the high pK<sub>a</sub> of the guanidine

functional group. Furthermore, these reagents may react with the groups of lysine as well as the arginine epsilon-amino group.

The specific modification of tyrosyl residues may be made, with particular interest in introducing spectral labels into tyrosyl residues by reaction with aromatic diazonium compounds or tetranitromethane.

- 5 Most commonly, N-acetylimidazole and tetranitromethane are used to form O-acetyl tyrosyl species and 3-nitro derivatives, respectively. Tyrosyl residues are iodinated using  $^{125}\text{I}$  or  $^{131}\text{I}$  to prepare labeled proteins for use in radioimmunoassay.

Carboxyl side groups (aspartyl or glutamyl) are selectively modified by reaction with carbodiimides ( $\text{R}-\text{N}=\text{C}=\text{N}-\text{R}'$ ), where R and R' are different alkyl groups, such as 1-cyclohexyl-3-(2-morpholinyl-4-ethyl) carbodiimide or 1-ethyl-3-(4-azonia-4,4-dimethylpentyl) carbodiimide. Furthermore, aspartyl and glutamyl residues are converted to asparaginyl and glutaminyl residues by reaction with ammonium ions.

Glutaminyl and asparaginyl residues are frequently deamidated to the corresponding glutamyl and aspartyl residues, respectively. These residues are deamidated under neutral or basic conditions. The deamidated form of these residues falls within the scope of this invention.

- 15 Other modifications include hydroxylation of proline and lysine, phosphorylation of hydroxyl groups of seryl or threonyl residues, methylation of the  $\alpha$ -amino groups of lysine, arginine, and histidine side chains (T.E. Creighton, *Proteins: Structure and Molecular Properties*, W.H. Freeman & Co., San Francisco, pp. 79-86 (1983)), acetylation of the N-terminal amine, and amidation of any C-terminal carboxyl group.

Another type of covalent modification involves chemically or enzymatically coupling glycosides to 20 the antibody. These procedures are advantageous in that they do not require production of the antibody in a host cell that has glycosylation capabilities for N- or O-linked glycosylation. Depending on the coupling mode used, the sugar(s) may be attached to (a) arginine and histidine, (b) free carboxyl groups, (c) free sulfhydryl groups such as those of cysteine, (d) free hydroxyl groups such as those of serine, threonine, or hydroxyproline, (e) aromatic residues such as those of phenylalanine, tyrosine, or tryptophan, or (f) the amide group of 25 glutamine. These methods are described in WO 87/05330 published 11 September 1987, and in Aplin and Wriston, *CRC Crit. Rev. Biochem.*, pp. 259-306 (1981).

Removal of any carbohydrate moieties present on the antibody may be accomplished chemically or 30 enzymatically. Chemical deglycosylation requires exposure of the antibody to the compound trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, or an equivalent compound. This treatment results in the cleavage of most or all sugars except the linking sugar (N-acetylglucosamine or N-acetylgalactosamine), while leaving the antibody intact. Chemical deglycosylation is described by Hakimuddin, *et al. Arch. Biochem. Biophys.* 259:52 (1987) and by Edge *et al. Anal. Biochem.*, 118:131 (1981). Enzymatic cleavage of carbohydrate moieties on antibodies can be achieved by the use of a variety of endo- and exo-glycosidases as described by Thotakura *et al. Meth. Enzymol.* 138:350 (1987).

- 35 Another type of covalent modification of the antibody comprises linking the antibody to one of a variety of nonproteinaceous polymers, e.g., polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, or polyoxyalkylenes, in the manner set forth in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,640,835; 4,496,689; 4,301,144; 4,670,417; 4,791,192 or 4,179,337.

**B. Vectors, Host Cells and Recombinant Methods**

The invention also provides isolated nucleic acid encoding the humanized anti-CD11a antibody, vectors and host cells comprising the nucleic acid, and recombinant techniques for the production of the antibody.

- 5 For recombinant production of the antibody, the nucleic acid encoding it is isolated and inserted into a replicable vector for further cloning (amplification of the DNA) or for expression. DNA encoding the monoclonal antibody is readily isolated and sequenced using conventional procedures (e.g., by using oligonucleotide probes that are capable of binding specifically to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of the antibody). Many vectors are available. The vector components generally include, but are not limited to,
- 10 one or more of the following: a signal sequence, an origin of replication, one or more marker genes, an enhancer element, a promoter, and a transcription termination sequence.

*(i) Signal sequence component*

- The anti-CD11a antibody of this invention may be produced recombinantly not only directly, but also as a fusion polypeptide with a heterologous polypeptide, which is preferably a signal sequence or other 15 polypeptide having a specific cleavage site at the N-terminus of the mature protein or polypeptide. The heterologous signal sequence selected preferably is one that is recognized and processed (i.e., cleaved by a signal peptidase) by the host cell. For prokaryotic host cells that do not recognize and process the native anti-CD11a antibody signal sequence, the signal sequence is substituted by a prokaryotic signal sequence selected, for example, from the group of the alkaline phosphatase, penicillinase, lpp, or heat-stable enterotoxin II leaders.
- 20 For yeast secretion the native signal sequence may be substituted by, e.g., the yeast invertase leader,  $\alpha$  factor leader (including *Saccharomyces* and *Kluyveromyces*  $\alpha$ -factor leaders), or acid phosphatase leader, the *C. albicans* glucoamylase leader, or the signal described in WO 90/13646. In mammalian cell expression, mammalian signal sequences as well as viral secretory leaders, for example, the herpes simplex gD signal, are available.

- 25 The DNA for such precursor region is ligated in reading frame to DNA encoding the anti-CD11a antibody.

*(ii) Origin of replication component*

- Both expression and cloning vectors contain a nucleic acid sequence that enables the vector to replicate in one or more selected host cells. Generally, in cloning vectors this sequence is one that enables the 30 vector to replicate independently of the host chromosomal DNA, and includes origins of replication or autonomously replicating sequences. Such sequences are well known for a variety of bacteria, yeast, and viruses. The origin of replication from the plasmid pBR322 is suitable for most Gram-negative bacteria, the  $2\mu$  plasmid origin is suitable for yeast, and various viral origins (SV40, polyoma, adenovirus, VSV or BPV) are useful for cloning vectors in mammalian cells. Generally, the origin of replication component is not needed 35 for mammalian expression vectors (the SV40 origin may typically be used only because it contains the early promoter).

*(iii) Selection gene component*

Expression and cloning vectors may contain a selection gene, also termed a selectable marker. Typical selection genes encode proteins that (a) confer resistance to antibiotics or other toxins, e.g., ampicillin,

neomycin, methotrexate, or tetracycline, (b) complement auxotrophic deficiencies, or (c) supply critical nutrients not available from complex media, e.g., the gene encoding D-alanine racemase for *Bacilli*.

One example of a selection scheme utilizes a drug to arrest growth of a host cell. Those cells that are successfully transformed with a heterologous gene produce a protein conferring drug resistance and thus 5 survive the selection regimen. Examples of such dominant selection use the drugs neomycin, mycophenolic acid and hygromycin.

Another example of suitable selectable markers for mammalian cells are those that enable the identification of cells competent to take up the anti-CD11a antibody nucleic acid, such as DHFR, thymidine kinase, metallothionein-I and -II, preferably primate metallothionein genes, adenosine deaminase, ornithine 10 decarboxylase, etc.

For example, cells transformed with the DHFR selection gene are first identified by culturing all of the transformants in a culture medium that contains methotrexate (Mtx), a competitive antagonist of DHFR. An appropriate host cell when wild-type DHFR is employed is the Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell line deficient in DHFR activity.

15 Alternatively, host cells (particularly wild-type hosts that contain endogenous DHFR) transformed or co-transformed with DNA sequences encoding anti-CD11a antibody, wild-type DHFR protein, and another selectable marker such as aminoglycoside 3'-phosphotransferase (APH) can be selected by cell growth in medium containing a selection agent for the selectable marker such as an aminoglycosidic antibiotic, e.g., kanamycin, neomycin, or G418. See U.S. Patent No. 4,965,199.

20 A suitable selection gene for use in yeast is the *trp1* gene present in the yeast plasmid YRp7 (Stinchcomb *et al.*, *Nature*, 282:39 (1979)). The *trp1* gene provides a selection marker for a mutant strain of yeast lacking the ability to grow in tryptophan, for example, ATCC No. 44076 or PEP4-1. Jones, *Genetics*, 85:12 (1977). The presence of the *trp1* lesion in the yeast host cell genome then provides an effective environment for detecting transformation by growth in the absence of tryptophan. Similarly, *Leu2*-deficient 25 yeast strains (ATCC 20,622 or 38,626) are complemented by known plasmids bearing the *Leu2* gene.

In addition, vectors derived from the 1.6  $\mu$ m circular plasmid pKD1 can be used for transformation of *Kluyveromyces* yeasts. Alternatively, an expression system for large-scale production of recombinant calf chymosin was reported for *K. lactis*. Van den Berg, *Bio/Technology*, 8:135 (1990). Stable multi-copy expression vectors for secretion of mature recombinant human serum albumin by industrial strains of 30 *Kluyveromyces* have also been disclosed. Fleer *et al.*, *Bio/Technology*, 9:968-975 (1991).

(iv) *Promoter component*

Expression and cloning vectors usually contain a promoter that is recognized by the host organism and is operably linked to the anti-CD11a antibody nucleic acid. Promoters suitable for use with prokaryotic hosts include the *phoA* promoter,  $\beta$ -lactamase and lactose promoter systems, alkaline phosphatase, a 35 tryptophan (*trp*) promoter system, and hybrid promoters such as the tac promoter. However, other known bacterial promoters are suitable. Promoters for use in bacterial systems also will contain a Shine-Dalgarno (S.D.) sequence operably linked to the DNA encoding the anti-CD11a antibody.

Promoter sequences are known for eukaryotes. Virtually all eukaryotic genes have an AT-rich region located approximately 25 to 30 bases upstream from the site where transcription is initiated. Another sequence

found 70 to 80 bases upstream from the start of transcription of many genes is a CNCAAT region where N may be any nucleotide. At the 3' end of most eukaryotic genes is an AATAAA sequence that may be the signal for addition of the poly A tail to the 3' end of the coding sequence. All of these sequences are suitably inserted into eukaryotic expression vectors.

5 Examples of suitable promoting sequences for use with yeast hosts include the promoters for 3-phosphoglycerate kinase or other glycolytic enzymes, such as enolase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, hexokinase, pyruvate decarboxylase, phosphofructokinase, glucose-6-phosphate isomerase, 3-phosphoglycerate mutase, pyruvate kinase, triosephosphate isomerase, phosphoglucose isomerase, and glucokinase.

10 Other yeast promoters, which are inducible promoters having the additional advantage of transcription controlled by growth conditions, are the promoter regions for alcohol dehydrogenase 2, isocytchrome C, acid phosphatase, degradative enzymes associated with nitrogen metabolism, metallothionein, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, and enzymes responsible for maltose and galactose utilization. Suitable vectors and promoters for use in yeast expression are further described in EP 73,657. Yeast enhancers also are  
15 advantageously used with yeast promoters.

20 Anti-CD11a antibody transcription from vectors in mammalian host cells is controlled, for example, by promoters obtained from the genomes of viruses such as polyoma virus, fowlpox virus, adenovirus (such as Adenovirus 2), bovine papilloma virus, avian sarcoma virus, cytomegalovirus, a retrovirus, hepatitis-B virus and most preferably Simian Virus 40 (SV40), from heterologous mammalian promoters, e.g., the actin promoter or an immunoglobulin promoter, from heat-shock promoters, provided such promoters are compatible with the host cell systems.

25 The early and late promoters of the SV40 virus are conveniently obtained as an SV40 restriction fragment that also contains the SV40 viral origin of replication. The immediate early promoter of the human cytomegalovirus is conveniently obtained as a HindIII E restriction fragment. A system for expressing DNA in mammalian hosts using the bovine papilloma virus as a vector is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,419,446. A modification of this system is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,601,978. See also Reyes *et al.*, *Nature* 297:598-601 (1982) on expression of human  $\beta$ -interferon cDNA in mouse cells under the control of a thymidine kinase promoter from herpes simplex virus. Alternatively, the rous sarcoma virus long terminal repeat can be used as the promoter.

30 (v) *Enhancer element component*

Transcription of a DNA encoding the anti-CD11a antibody of this invention by higher eukaryotes is often increased by inserting an enhancer sequence into the vector. Many enhancer sequences are now known from mammalian genes (globin, elastase, albumin,  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein, and insulin). Typically, however, one will use an enhancer from a eukaryotic cell virus. Examples include the SV40 enhancer on the late side of the  
35 replication origin (bp 100-270), the cytomegalovirus early promoter enhancer, the polyoma enhancer on the late side of the replication origin, and adenovirus enhancers. See also Yaniv, *Nature* 297:17-18 (1982) on enhancing elements for activation of eukaryotic promoters. The enhancer may be spliced into the vector at a position 5' or 3' to the anti-CD11a antibody-encoding sequence, but is preferably located at a site 5' from the promoter.

(vi) *Transcription termination component*

Expression vectors used in eukaryotic host cells (yeast, fungi, insect, plant, animal, human, or nucleated cells from other multicellular organisms) will also contain sequences necessary for the termination of transcription and for stabilizing the mRNA. Such sequences are commonly available from the 5' and, 5 occasionally 3', untranslated regions of eukaryotic or viral DNAs or cDNAs. These regions contain nucleotide segments transcribed as polyadenylated fragments in the untranslated portion of the mRNA encoding anti-CD11a antibody. One useful transcription termination component is the bovine growth hormone polyadenylation region. See WO94/11026 and the expression vector disclosed therein.

(vii) *Selection and transformation of host cells*

10 Suitable host cells for cloning or expressing the DNA in the vectors herein are the prokaryote, yeast, or higher eukaryote cells described above. Suitable prokaryotes for this purpose include eubacteria, such as Gram-negative or Gram-positive organisms, for example, Enterobacteriaceae such as *Escherichia*, e.g., *E. coli*, *Enterobacter*, *Erwinia*, *Klebsiella*, *Proteus*, *Salmonella*, e.g., *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia*, e.g., *Serratia marcescens*, and *Shigella*, as well as *Bacilli* such as *B. subtilis* and *B. licheniformis* (e.g., *B. licheniformis* 41P 15 disclosed in DD 266,710 published 12 April 1989), *Pseudomonas* such as *P. aeruginosa*, and *Streptomyces*. One preferred *E. coli* cloning host is *E. coli* 294 (ATCC 31,446), although other strains such as *E. coli* B, *E. coli* X1776 (ATCC 31,537), and *E. coli* W3110 (ATCC 27,325) are suitable. These examples are illustrative rather than limiting.

In addition to prokaryotes, eukaryotic microbes such as filamentous fungi or yeast are suitable cloning 20 or expression hosts for anti-CD11a antibody-encoding vectors. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or common baker's yeast, is the most commonly used among lower eukaryotic host microorganisms. However, a number of other genera, species, and strains are commonly available and useful herein, such as *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*; *Kluyveromyces* hosts such as, e.g., *K. lactis*, *K. fragilis* (ATCC 12,424), *K. bulgaricus* (ATCC 16,045), *K. wickeramii* (ATCC 24,178), *K. waltii* (ATCC 56,500), *K. drosophilaram* (ATCC 36,906), *K. thermotolerans*, 25 and *K. marxianus*; *yarrowia* (EP 402,226); *Pichia pastoris* (EP 183,070); *Candida*; *Trichoderma reesia* (EP 244,234); *Neurospora crassa*; *Schwanniomyces* such as *Schwanniomyces occidentalis*; and filamentous fungi such as, e.g., *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, *Tolypocladium*, and *Aspergillus* hosts such as *A. nidulans* and *A. niger*.

Suitable host cells for the expression of glycosylated anti-CD11a antibody are derived from 30 multicellular organisms. Examples of invertebrate cells include plant and insect cells. Numerous baculoviral strains and variants and corresponding permissive insect host cells from hosts such as *Spodoptera frugiperda* (caterpillar), *Aedes aegypti* (mosquito), *Aedes albopictus* (mosquito), *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruitfly), and *Bombyx mori* have been identified. A variety of viral strains for transfection are publicly available, e.g., the L-1 variant of *Autographa californica* NPV and the Bm-5 strain of *Bombyx mori* NPV, and such viruses may be used as the virus herein according to the present invention, particularly for transfection of *Spodoptera frugiperda* cells.

Plant cell cultures of cotton, corn, potato, soybean, petunia, tomato, and tobacco can also be utilized as hosts.

However, interest has been greatest in vertebrate cells, and propagation of vertebrate cells in culture (tissue culture) has become a routine procedure. Examples of useful mammalian host cell lines are monkey

kidney CV1 line transformed by SV40 (COS-7, ATCC CRL 1651); human embryonic kidney line (293 or 293 cells subcloned for growth in suspension culture, Graham *et al.*, *J. Gen Virol.* 36:59 (1977)); baby hamster kidney cells (BHK, ATCC CCL 10); Chinese hamster ovary cells/-DHFR (CHO, Urlaub *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 77:4216 (1980)); mouse sertoli cells (TM4, Mather, *Biol. Reprod.* 23:243-251 (1980)); monkey 5 kidney cells (CV1 ATCC CCL 70); African green monkey kidney cells (VERO-76, ATCC CRL-1587); human cervical carcinoma cells (HELA, ATCC CCL 2); canine kidney cells (MDCK, ATCC CCL 34); buffalo rat liver cells (BRL 3A, ATCC CRL 1442); human lung cells (W138, ATCC CCL 75); human liver cells (Hep G2, HB 8065); mouse mammary tumor (MMT 060562, ATCC CCL51); TRI cells (Mather *et al.*, *Annals N.Y. Acad. Sci.* 383:44-68 (1982)); MRC 5 cells; FS4 cells; and a human hepatoma line (Hep G2).

10 Host cells are transformed with the above-described expression or cloning vectors for anti-CD11a antibody production and cultured in conventional nutrient media modified as appropriate for inducing promoters, selecting transformants, or amplifying the genes encoding the desired sequences.

(viii) *Culturing the host cells*

15 The host cells used to produce the anti-CD11a antibody of this invention may be cultured in a variety of media. Commercially available media such as Ham's F10 (Sigma), Minimal Essential Medium ((MEM), (Sigma), RPMI-1640 (Sigma), and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium ((DMEM), Sigma) are suitable for culturing the host cells. In addition, any of the media described in Ham *et al.*, *Meth. Enz.* 58:44 (1979), Barnes 20 *et al.*, *Anal. Biochem.* 102:255 (1980), U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,767,704; 4,657,866; 4,927,762; 4,560,655; or 5,122,469; WO 90/03430; WO 87/00195; or U.S. Patent Re. 30,985 may be used as culture media for the host 25 cells. Any of these media may be supplemented as necessary with hormones and/or other growth factors (such as insulin, transferrin, or epidermal growth factor), salts (such as sodium chloride, calcium, magnesium, and phosphate), buffers (such as HEPES), nucleotides (such as adenosine and thymidine), antibiotics (such as GENTAMYCINT<sup>TM</sup>drug), trace elements (defined as inorganic compounds usually present at final concentrations in the micromolar range), and glucose or an equivalent energy source. Any other necessary supplements may also be included at appropriate concentrations that would be known to those skilled in the art. The culture conditions, such as temperature, pH, and the like, are those previously used with the host cell selected for expression, and will be apparent to the ordinarily skilled artisan.

(ix) *Purification of anti-CD11a antibody*

30 When using recombinant techniques, the antibody can be produced intracellularly, in the periplasmic space, or directly secreted into the medium. If the antibody is produced intracellularly, as a first step, the particulate debris, either host cells or lysed fragments, is removed, for example, by centrifugation or ultrafiltration. Carter *et al.*, *Bio/Technology* 10:163-167 (1992) describe a procedure for isolating antibodies which are secreted to the periplasmic space of *E. coli*. Briefly, cell paste is thawed in the presence of sodium acetate (pH 3.5), EDTA, and phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride (PMSF) over about 30 min. Cell debris can be 35 removed by centrifugation. Where the antibody is secreted into the medium, supernatants from such expression systems are generally first concentrated using a commercially available protein concentration filter, for example, an Amicon or Millipore Pellicon ultrafiltration unit. A protease inhibitor such as PMSF may be included in any of the foregoing steps to inhibit proteolysis and antibiotics may be included to prevent the growth of adventitious contaminants.

The antibody composition prepared from the cells can be purified using, for example, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, and affinity chromatography, with affinity chromatography being the preferred purification technique. The suitability of protein A as an affinity ligand depends on the species and isotype of any immunoglobulin Fc domain that is present in the antibody. Protein A can be used to purify 5 antibodies that are based on human  $\gamma$ 1,  $\gamma$ 2, or  $\gamma$ 4 heavy chains (Lindmark *et al.*, *J. Immunol. Meth.* 62:1-13 (1983)). Protein G is recommended for all mouse isotypes and for human  $\gamma$ 3 (Guss *et al.*, *EMBO J.* 5:1567-1575 (1986)). The matrix to which the affinity ligand is attached is most often agarose, but other matrices are available. Mechanically stable matrices such as controlled pore glass or poly(styrenedivinyl)benzene allow for faster flow rates and shorter processing times than can be achieved with 10 agarose. Where the antibody comprises a C<sub>H</sub>3 domain, the Bakerbond ABX™ resin (J. T. Baker, Phillipsburg, NJ) is useful for purification. Other techniques for protein purification such as fractionation on an ion-exchange column, ethanol precipitation, Reverse Phase HPLC, chromatography on silica, chromatography on heparin SEPHAROSE™ chromatography on an anion or cation exchange resin (such as a polyaspartic acid column), chromatofocusing, SDS-PAGE, and ammonium sulfate precipitation are also available depending on 15 the antibody to be recovered.

Following any preliminary purification step(s), the mixture comprising the antibody of interest and contaminants may be subjected to low pH hydrophobic interaction chromatography using an elution buffer at a pH between about 2.5-4.5, preferably performed at low salt concentrations (e.g., from about 0-0.25M salt).

#### C. Pharmaceutical Formulations

20 Therapeutic formulations of the antibody are prepared for storage by mixing the antibody having the desired degree of purity with optional physiologically acceptable carriers, excipients or stabilizers (*Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* 16th edition, Osol, A. Ed. (1980)), in the form of lyophilized formulations or aqueous solutions. Acceptable carriers, excipients, or stabilizers are nontoxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed, and include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, and other organic acids; antioxidants 25 including ascorbic acid and methionine; preservatives (such as octadecyldimethylbenzyl ammonium chloride; hexamethonium chloride; benzalkonium chloride, benzethonium chloride; phenol, butyl or benzyl alcohol; alkyl parabens such as methyl or propyl paraben; catechol; resorcinol; cyclohexanol; 3-pentanol; and m-cresol); low molecular weight (less than about 10 residues) polypeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids such as glycine, glutamine, 30 asparagine, histidine, arginine, or lysine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including glucose, mannose, or dextrans; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugars such as sucrose, mannitol, trehalose or sorbitol; salt-forming counter-ions such as sodium; metal complexes (e.g., Zn-protein complexes); and/or non-ionic surfactants such as TWEEN™, PLURONIC™ or polyethylene glycol (PEG).

35 The formulation herein may also contain more than one active compound as necessary for the particular indication being treated, preferably those with complementary activities that do not adversely affect each other. For example, it may be desirable to further provide an immunosuppressive agent.<sup>1</sup> Such molecules are suitably present in combination in amounts that are effective for the purpose intended.

The active ingredients may also be entrapped in microcapsule prepared, for example, by coacervation techniques or by interfacial polymerization, for example, hydroxymethylcellulose or gelatin-microcapsule and

poly-(methylmethacrylate) microcapsule, respectively, in colloidal drug delivery systems (for example, liposomes, albumin microspheres, microemulsions, nano-particles and nanocapsules) or in macroemulsions. Such techniques are disclosed in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences* 16th edition, Osol, A. Ed. (1980).

The formulations to be used for *in vivo* administration must be sterile. This is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes.

Sustained-release preparations may be prepared. Suitable examples of sustained-release preparations include semipermeable matrices of solid hydrophobic polymers containing the antibody, which matrices are in the form of shaped articles, *e.g.*, films, or microcapsule. Examples of sustained-release matrices include polyesters, hydrogels (for example, poly(2-hydroxyethyl-methacrylate), or poly(vinylalcohol)), polylactides (U.S. Pat. No. 3,773,919), copolymers of L-glutamic acid and  $\gamma$  ethyl-L-glutamate, non-degradable ethylene-vinyl acetate, degradable lactic acid-glycolic acid copolymers such as the Lupron Depot<sup>TM</sup> (injectable microspheres composed of lactic acid-glycolic acid copolymer and leuprolide acetate), and poly-D(-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid. While polymers such as ethylene-vinyl acetate and lactic acid-glycolic acid enable release of molecules for over 100 days, certain hydrogels release proteins for shorter time periods. When encapsulated antibodies remain in the body for a long time, they may denature or aggregate as a result of exposure to moisture at 37°C, resulting in a loss of biological activity and possible changes in immunogenicity. Rational strategies can be devised for stabilization depending on the mechanism involved. For example, if the aggregation mechanism is discovered to be intermolecular S-S bond formation through thio-disulfide interchange, stabilization may be achieved by modifying sulphydryl residues, lyophilizing from acidic solutions, controlling moisture content, using appropriate additives, and developing specific polymer matrix compositions.

#### D. Non-therapeutic Uses for the Antibody

The antibodies of the invention may be used as affinity purification agents. In this process, the antibodies are immobilized on a solid phase such a Sephadex resin or filter paper, using methods well known in the art. The immobilized antibody is contacted with a sample containing the CD11a protein (or fragment thereof) to be purified, and thereafter the support is washed with a suitable solvent that will remove substantially all the material in the sample except the CD11a protein, which is bound to the immobilized antibody. Finally, the support is washed with another suitable solvent, such as glycine buffer, pH 5.0, that will release the CD11a protein from the antibody.

Anti-CD11a antibodies may also be useful in diagnostic assays for CD11a protein, *e.g.*, detecting its expression in specific cells, tissues, or serum.

For diagnostic applications, the antibody typically will be labeled with a detectable moiety. Numerous labels are available which can be generally grouped into the following categories:

(a) Radioisotopes, such as  $^{35}\text{S}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{125}\text{I}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ , and  $^{131}\text{I}$ . The antibody can be labeled with the radioisotope using the techniques described in *Current Protocols in Immunology*, Volumes 1 and 2, Coligan *et al.*, Ed. Wiley-Interscience, New York, New York, Pubs. (1991) for example and radioactivity can be measured using scintillation counting.

(b) Fluorescent labels such as rare earth chelates (europium chelates) or fluorescein and its derivatives, rhodamine and its derivatives, dansyl, Lissamine, phycoerythrin and Texas Red are available. The fluorescent

labels can be conjugated to the antibody using the techniques disclosed in *Current Protocols in Immunology, supra*, for example. Fluorescence can be quantified using a fluorimeter.

(c) Various enzyme-substrate labels are available and U.S. Patent No. 4,275,149 provides a review of some of these. The enzyme generally catalyzes a chemical alteration of the chromogenic substrate which  
5 can be measured using various techniques. For example, the enzyme may catalyze a color change in a substrate, which can be measured spectrophotometrically. Alternatively, the enzyme may alter the fluorescence or chemiluminescence of the substrate. Techniques for quantifying a change in fluorescence are described above. The chemiluminescent substrate becomes electronically excited by a chemical reaction and may then emit light which can be measured (using a chemiluminometer, for example) or donates energy to a fluorescent acceptor.  
10 Examples of enzymatic labels include luciferases (e.g., firefly luciferase and bacterial luciferase; U.S. Patent No. 4,737,456), luciferin, 2,3-dihydrophthalazinediones, malate dehydrogenase, urease, peroxidase such as horseradish peroxidase (HRPO), alkaline phosphatase,  $\beta$ -galactosidase, glucoamylase, lysozyme, saccharide oxidases (e.g., glucose oxidase, galactose oxidase, and glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase), heterocyclic oxidases (such as uricase and xanthine oxidase), lactoperoxidase, microperoxidase, and the like. Techniques  
15 for conjugating enzymes to antibodies are described in O'Sullivan *et al.*, Methods for the Preparation of Enzyme-Antibody Conjugates for use in Enzyme Immunoassay, in *Methods in Enzym.* (ed J. Langone & H. Van Vunakis), Academic press, New York, 73:147-166 (1981).

Examples of enzyme-substrate combinations include, for example:

(i) Horseradish peroxidase (HRPO) with hydrogen peroxidase as a substrate, wherein the hydrogen peroxidase oxidizes a dye precursor (e.g., orthophenylenediamine (OPD) or 3,3',5,5'-tetramethyl benzidine hydrochloride (TMB));  
20 (ii) alkaline phosphatase (AP) with para-Nitrophenyl phosphate as chromogenic substrate; and  
(iii)  $\beta$ -D-galactosidase ( $\beta$ -D-Gal) with a chromogenic substrate (e.g., p-nitrophenyl- $\beta$ -D-galactosidase) or fluorogenic substrate 4-methylumbelliferyl- $\beta$ -D-galactosidase.

25 Numerous other enzyme-substrate combinations are available to those skilled in the art. For a general review of these, see U.S. Patent Nos. 4,275,149 and 4,318,980.

Sometimes, the label is indirectly conjugated with the antibody. The skilled artisan will be aware of various techniques for achieving this. For example, the antibody can be conjugated with biotin and any of the three broad categories of labels mentioned above can be conjugated with avidin, or *vice versa*. Biotin binds  
30 selectively to avidin and thus, the label can be conjugated with the antibody in this indirect manner. Alternatively, to achieve indirect conjugation of the label with the antibody, the antibody is conjugated with a small hapten (e.g., digoxin) and one of the different types of labels mentioned above is conjugated with an anti-hapten antibody (e.g., anti-digoxin antibody). Thus, indirect conjugation of the label with the antibody can be achieved.

35 In another embodiment of the invention, the anti-CD11a antibody need not be labeled, and the presence thereof can be detected using a labeled antibody which binds to the CD11a antibody.

The antibodies of the present invention may be employed in any known assay method, such as competitive binding assays, direct and indirect sandwich assays, and immunoprecipitation assays. Zola, *Monoclonal Antibodies: A Manual of Techniques*, pp.147-158 (CRC Press, Inc. 1987).

Competitive binding assays rely on the ability of a labeled standard to compete with the test sample analyte for binding with a limited amount of antibody. The amount of CD11a protein in the test sample is inversely proportional to the amount of standard that becomes bound to the antibodies. To facilitate determining the amount of standard that becomes bound, the antibodies generally are insolubilized before or 5 after the competition, so that the standard and analyte that are bound to the antibodies may conveniently be separated from the standard and analyte which remain unbound.

Sandwich assays involve the use of two antibodies, each capable of binding to a different immunogenic portion, or epitope, of the protein to be detected. In a sandwich assay, the test sample analyte is bound by a first antibody which is immobilized on a solid support, and thereafter a second antibody binds 10 to the analyte, thus forming an insoluble three-part complex. See, e.g., US Pat No. 4,376,110. The second antibody may itself be labeled with a detectable moiety (direct sandwich assays) or may be measured using an anti-immunoglobulin antibody that is labeled with a detectable moiety (indirect sandwich assay). For example, one type of sandwich assay is an ELISA assay, in which case the detectable moiety is an enzyme.

For immunohistochemistry, the tumor sample may be fresh or frozen or may be embedded in paraffin 15 and fixed with a preservative such as formalin, for example.

The antibodies may also be used for *in vivo* diagnostic assays. Generally, the antibody is labeled with a radio nuclide (such as  $^{111}\text{In}$ ,  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{131}\text{I}$ ,  $^{125}\text{I}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{32}\text{P}$  or  $^{35}\text{S}$ ) so that the tumor can be localized using immunoscintigraphy.

#### E. Diagnostic Kits

As a matter of convenience, the antibody of the present invention can be provided in a kit, i.e., a packaged combination of reagents in predetermined amounts with instructions for performing the diagnostic assay. Where the antibody is labeled with an enzyme, the kit will include substrates and cofactors required by the enzyme (e.g., a substrate precursor which provides the detectable chromophore or fluorophore). In addition, other additives may be included such as stabilizers, buffers (e.g., a block buffer or lysis buffer) and the like. 20  
The relative amounts of the various reagents may be varied widely to provide for concentrations in solution of the reagents which substantially optimize the sensitivity of the assay. Particularly, the reagents may be provided as dry powders, usually lyophilized, including excipients which on dissolution will provide a reagent solution having the appropriate concentration. 25

#### F. Therapeutic Uses for the Antibody

It is contemplated that the anti-CD11a antibody of the present invention may be used to treat the 30 various LFA-1 mediated disorders as described herein.

The anti-CD11a antibody is administered by any suitable means, including parenteral, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal, intrapulmonary, and intranasal, and, if desired for local immunosuppressive treatment, intralesional administration (including perfusing or otherwise contacting the graft with the antibody before 35 transplantation). Parenteral infusions include intramuscular, intravenous, intraarterial, intraperitoneal, or subcutaneous administration. In addition, the anti-CD11a antibody is suitably administered by pulse infusion, particularly with declining doses of the antibody. Preferably the dosing is given by injections, most preferably intravenous or subcutaneous injections, depending in part on whether the administration is brief or chronic.

For the prevention or treatment of disease, the appropriate dosage of antibody will depend on the type of disease to be treated, as defined above, the severity and course of the disease, whether the antibody is administered for preventive or therapeutic purposes, previous therapy, the patient's clinical history and response to the antibody, and the discretion of the attending physician. The antibody is suitably administered to the 5 patient at one time or over a series of treatments.

Depending on the type and severity of the disease, about 1 µg/kg to 15 mg/kg (e.g., 0.1-20mg/kg) of antibody is an initial candidate dosage for administration to the patient, whether, for example, by one or more separate administrations, or by continuous infusion. A typical daily dosage might range from about 1 µg/kg to 100 mg/kg or more, depending on the factors mentioned above. For repeated administrations over several 10 days or longer, depending on the condition, the treatment is sustained until a desired suppression of disease symptoms occurs. However, other dosage regimens may be useful. The progress of this therapy is easily monitored by conventional techniques and assays. An exemplary dosing regimen is disclosed in WO 94/04188.

The antibody composition will be formulated, dosed, and administered in a fashion consistent with good medical practice. Factors for consideration in this context include the particular disorder being treated, 15 the particular mammal being treated, the clinical condition of the individual patient, the cause of the disorder, the site of delivery of the agent, the method of administration, the scheduling of administration, and other factors known to medical practitioners. The "therapeutically effective amount" of the antibody to be administered will be governed by such considerations, and is the minimum amount necessary to prevent, ameliorate, or treat the LFA-1-mediated disorder, including treating rheumatoid arthritis, reducing 20 inflammatory responses, inducing tolerance of immunostimulants, preventing an immune response that would result in rejection of a graft by a host or vice-versa, or prolonging survival of a transplanted graft. Such amount is preferably below the amount that is toxic to the host or renders the host significantly more susceptible to infections.

The antibody need not be, but is optionally formulated with one or more agents currently used to 25 prevent or treat the disorder in question. For example, in rheumatoid arthritis, the antibody may be given in conjunction with a glucocorticosteroid. In addition, T cell receptor peptide therapy is suitably an adjunct therapy to prevent clinical signs of autoimmune encephalomyelitis. For transplants, the antibody may be administered concurrently with or separate from an immunosuppressive agent as defined above, e.g., cyclosporin A, to modulate the immunosuppressant effect. Alternatively, or in addition, VLA-4 antagonists 30 or other LFA-1 antagonists may be administered to the mammal suffering from a LFA-1 mediated disorder. The effective amount of such other agents depends on the amount of anti-CD11a antibody present in the formulation, the type of disorder or treatment, and other factors discussed above. These are generally used in the same dosages and with administration routes as used hereinbefore or about from 1 to 99% of the heretofore employed dosages.

#### 35        G.        Articles of Manufacture

In another embodiment of the invention, an article of manufacture containing materials useful for the treatment of the disorders described above is provided. The article of manufacture comprises a container and a label. Suitable containers include, for example, bottles, vials, syringes, and test tubes. The containers may be formed from a variety of materials such as glass or plastic. The container holds a composition which is

effective for treating the condition and may have a sterile access port (for example the container may be an intravenous solution bag or a vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle). The active agent in the composition is the anti-CD11a antibody. The label on, or associated with, the container indicates that the composition is used for treating the condition of choice. The article of manufacture may further 5 comprise a second container comprising a pharmaceutically-acceptable buffer, such as phosphate-buffered saline, Ringer's solution and dextrose solution. It may further include other materials desirable from a commercial and user standpoint, including other buffers, diluents, filters, needles, syringes, and package inserts with instructions for use.

## EXAMPLE

### 10 PRODUCTION OF HUMANIZED ANTI-CD11a ANTIBODIES

This example describes the humanization and *in vitro* biological efficacy of a murine anti-human CD11a monoclonal antibody, MHM24 (Hildreth *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* 13:202-208 (1983)). Previous studies on the murine MHM24 have shown that it, like other anti-CD11a antibodies, can inhibit T cell function (Hildreth *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 134:3272-3280 (1985); Dougherty *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* 17:943-947 (1987)).  
15 Both the murine and humanized MAbs effectively prevent adhesion of human T cells to human keratinocytes and the proliferation of T cells in response to nonautologous leukocytes in the mixed lymphocyte response (MLR), a model for responsiveness to MHC class II antigens (McCabe *et al.*, *Cellular Immunol.* 150:364-375 (1993)). However, both the murine (Reimann *et al.*, *Cytometry*, 17:102-108 (1994)) and humanized MAbs did not cross-react with nonhuman primate CD11a other than chimpanzee CD11a. In order to have a humanized  
20 MAb available for preclinical studies in rhesus, the humanized MAb was re-engineered to bind to rhesus CD11a by changing four residues in one of the complementarity-determining regions, CDR-H2, in the variable heavy domain. Cloning and molecular modeling of the rhesus CD11a I-domain suggested that a change from a lysine residue in human CD11a I-domain to glutamic acid in rhesus CD11a I-domain is the reason that the murine and humanized MAbs do not bind rhesus CD11a.  
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### Materials and Methods

#### (a) Construction of humanized F(ab')s

The murine anti-human CD11a MAb, MHM24 (Hildreth *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* 13:202-208 (1983); Hildreth *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 134:3272-3280 (1985)), was cloned and sequenced. In order to have a plasmid useful for mutagenesis as well as for expression of F(ab)s in *E. coli*, the phagemid pEMX1 was constructed.  
30 Based on the phagemid pb0720, a derivative of pb0475 (Cunningham *et al.*, *Science* 243:1330-1336 (1989)), pEMX1 contains a DNA fragment encoding a humanized κ-subgroup I light chain and a humanized subgroup III heavy chain (VH-CH1) and an alkaline phosphatase promotor and Shine-Dalgarno sequence both derived from another previously described pUC119-based plasmid, pAK2 (Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992)). A unique SpeI restriction site was also introduced between the DNA encoding for the F(ab)  
35 light and heavy chains.

To construct the first F(ab) variant of humanized MHM24, F(ab)-1, site-directed mutagenesis (Kunkel, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:488 (1985)) was performed on a deoxyuridine-containing template of pEMX1; all six CDRs were changed to the MHM24 sequence. All other F(ab) variants were constructed from a template of F(ab)-1. Plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* strain XL-1 Blue (Stratagene, San Diego, CA) for 40 preparation of double- and single-stranded DNA. For each variant both light and heavy chains were completely

sequenced using the dideoxynucleotide method (Sequenase, U.S. Biochemical Corp.). Plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* strain 16C9, a derivative of MM294, plated onto LB plates containing 5 µg/ml carbenicillin, and a single colony selected for protein expression. The single colony was grown in 5 ml LB-100 µg/ml carbenicillin for 5-8 h at 37°C. The 5 ml culture was added to 500 ml AP5-100 µg/ml carbenicillin 5 and allowed to grow for 16 h in a 4 L baffled shake flask at 37°C. APS media consists of : 1.5 g glucose, 11.0 Hycase SF, 0.6 g yeast extract (certified), 0.19 g MgSO<sub>4</sub> (anhydrous), 1.07 g NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, 3.73 g KCl, 1.2 g NaCl, 120 ml 1 M triethanolamine, pH 7.4, to 1 L water and then sterile filtered through 0.1 µm Sealkeen filter.

Cells were harvested by centrifugation in a 1 L centrifuge bottle (Nalgene) at 3000 x g and the supernatant removed. After freezing for 1 h, the pellet was resuspended in 25 ml cold 10 mM MES-10 mM 10 EDTA, pH 5.0 (buffer A). 250 µl of 0.1 M PMSF (Sigma) was added to inhibit proteolysis and 3.5 ml of stock 10 mg/ml hen egg white lysozyme (Sigma) was added to aid lysis of the bacterial cell wall. After gentle shaking on ice for 1 h, the sample was centrifuged at 40,000 x g for 15 min. The supernatant was brought to 50 ml with buffer A and loaded onto a 2 ml DEAE column equilibrated with buffer A. The flow-through was then applied to a protein G-Sepharose CL-4B (Pharmacia) column (0.5 ml bed volume) equilibrated with buffer 15 A. The column was washed with 10 ml buffer A and eluted with 3 ml 0.3 M glycine, pH 3.0, into 1.25 ml 1 M Tris, pH 8.0. The F(ab) was then buffer exchanged into PBS using a Centricon-30 (Amicon) and concentrated to a final volume of 0.5 ml. SDS-PAGE gels of all F(ab)s were run to ascertain purity and the molecular weight of each variant was verified by electrospray mass spectrometry.

(b) *Construction of chimeric and humanized IgG*

20 For generation of human IgG1 variants of chimeric (chIgG1) and humanized (HuIgG1) MHM24, the appropriate murine or humanized variable light and variable heavy (F(ab)-8, Table II) domains were subcloned into separate previously described pRK vectors (Gorman *et al.*, *DNA Protein Eng. Tech.* 2:3 (1990)). Alanine-scan variants were constructed by site-directed mutagenesis (Kunkel, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:488 (1985)) of the HuIgG1 light and heavy chain plasmids. The DNA sequence of each variant was verified by 25 dideoxynucleotide sequencing.

Heavy and light chain plasmids were cotransfected into an adenovirus-transformed human embryonic kidney cell line, 293 (Graham *et al.*, *J. Gen. Virol.* 36:59 (1977)), using a high efficiency procedure (Graham *et al.*, *J. Gen. Virol.* 36:59 (1977); Gorman *et al.*, *Science*, 221:551 (1983)). Media was changed to serum-free and harvested daily for up to 5 days. Antibodies were purified from the pooled supernatants using protein A-30 Sepharose CL-4B (Pharmacia). The eluted antibody was buffer exchanged into PBS using a Centricon-30 (Amicon), concentrated to 0.5 ml, sterile filtered using a Millex-GV (Millipore) and stored at 4°C.

The concentration of antibody was determined using total Ig-binding ELISA. The concentration of the reference humanized anti-p185<sup>HER</sup>IgG1 (Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992)) was determined by amino acid composition analysis. Each well of a 96-well plate was coated with 1 µg/ml of goat 35 anti-human IgG F(ab')<sub>2</sub> (Cappel Laboratories, Westchester, PA) for 24 h at 4°C. Purified antibodies were diluted and added in duplicate to the coated plates. After 1.5 h incubation, the plates were washed with PBS-0.02% Tween 20 and 0.1 ml of a 1:2000 dilution of horseradish peroxidase-conjugated sheep anti-human IgG F(ab')<sub>2</sub> (Cappel) was added. After 1.5 h incubation the plates were washed and 0.1 ml 0.2 mg/ml o-

phenylenediamine dihydrochloride-0.01% hydrogen peroxide-PBS was added. After 10 min. the reaction was stopped with 2 M sulfuric acid and the O.D. 490 nm was read.

(c) *Cloning of rhesus CD11a I-domain*

The DNA sequence of the rhesus I-domain was obtained using RT-PCR and primers derived from the 5 human CD11a DNA sequence. Briefly, mRNA was isolated from  $\sim 10^7$  rhesus leukocytes using the Fast Track mRNA purification kit (Invitrogen). 10 µg mRNA was reverse transcribed using MuLV reverse transcriptase. The first strand cDNA was then amplified by 40 cycles of PCR using the primers:

5'-CACTTTGGATACCGCGTCCTGCAGGT-3' (forward) (SEQ ID NO:21) and

5'-CATCCTGCAGGTCTGCCTTCAGGTCA-3' (reverse) (SEQ ID NO:22).

10 A single band of the predicted size was purified from the PCR reaction using agarose gel electrophoresis. The PCR product was digested with restriction enzyme Sse8387I (Takara) and ligated to a human CD11a-containing plasmid digested with the same restriction enzyme. There are two Sse8387I sites in the human CD11a sequence, one on either side of the I-domain. The resulting plasmid encoded a chimera consisting of human CD11a with a rhesus I-domain substituted for the human I-domain. DNA sequence 15 analysis revealed five amino acid differences between human and rhesus. One difference was in the region N-terminal to the I-domain (Thr59Ser) and the other four differences were in the I-domain itself: Val133Ile, Arg189Gln, Lys197Glu, and Val308Ala (Fig. 2).

(d) *FACScan analysis of F(ab) and IgG binding to Jurkat cells*

20 Aliquots of  $10^6$  Jurkat T-cells were incubated with serial dilutions of humanized and control antibodies in PBS-0.1% BSA-10 mM sodium azide for 45 min at 4°C. The cells were washed and then incubated in fluorescein-conjugated goat anti-human F(ab')<sub>2</sub> (Organon Teknika, Westchester, PA) for 45 min at 4°C. Cells were washed and analysed on a FACScan (Becton Dickinson, Mountain View, CA).  $8 \times 10^3$  cells were acquired by list mode and gated by forward light scatter versus side light scatter, thereby excluding dead cells and debris.

25 (e) *Saturation binding to determine apparent K<sub>d</sub>*

Radiolabeled antibodies were prepared using Iodo-Gen (Pierce, Rockford, IL) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 50 µg of antibody and 1 mCi <sup>125</sup>I (DuPont, Wilmington, DE) were added to each tube and incubated for 15 min at 25°C. Radiolabeled proteins were purified from the remaining free <sup>125</sup>I using PD-10 columns (Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden) equilibrated in Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS, Life 30 Technologies, Grand Island, NY) containing 0.2% gelatin.

Mononuclear cells were purified from heparinized human peripheral blood collected from two donors using Lymphocyte Separation Medium (LSM, Organon Teknika, Durham, NC) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The blood was centrifuged at 400 x g for 40 min at 25°C with no braking. Cells at the interface of the LSM and plasma were harvested and then resuspended in HBSS-0.2% gelatin.

35 Leukocytes were purified from heparinized rhesus monkey peripheral blood collected from two individuals by Dextran sedimentation. Blood was diluted with an equal volume of 3% Dextran T500 (Pharmacia) in PBS and was allowed to sediment undisturbed at 25°C for 30 min. After sedimentation, cells remaining in suspension were harvested and pelleted by centrifugation at 400 x g for 5 min. Residual

erythrocytes were removed by two cycles of hypotonic lysis using distilled water and 2X HBSS. After erythrocyte lysis, cells were washed in PBS and then resuspended in HBSS-0.2% gelatin.

Antibody affinities were determined by saturation binding using either peripheral blood mononuclear cells (murine MHM24 and HuIgG1) or rhesus leukocytes (MHM23, RhIgG1). In each assay, a radiolabeled antibody was serially diluted in HBSS-0.2% gelatin in quadruplicate. Nonspecific binding was determined by the addition of 500nM final concentration of homologous unlabeled antibody in duplicate through the serial dilution. Human lymphocytes or rhesus leukocytes were added to the plates in a volume of 170  $\mu$ l per well. Plates were incubated for 2 hr at room temperature on an orbital plate shaker. After incubation, cells were harvested using a SKATRON™ cell harvester (Lier, Norway) and washed 10 times with PBS containing 0.25% gelatin and 0.1% sodium azide. Samples were then counted for 1 min in an LBK Wallac GammaMaster gamma counter (Gaithersburg, MD). Data was transformed from counts per minute to nanomolarity and four-parameter curve-fitting of saturation plots (bound versus total) was then performed to determine  $K_d$  (app) values.

(f) *Keratinocyte monolayer adhesion assay*

Normal human epidermal keratinocytes (Clonetics, San Diego, CA) were removed from culture flasks with trypsin-EDTA, centrifuged, and resuspended in lymphocyte assay medium (RPMI 1640 (GIBCO)-10% fetal calf serum-1% penicillin/streptomycin) at a concentration of  $5 \times 10^5$  viable cells/ml. Aliquots of 0.1 ml/well were then cultured overnight in flat-bottom 96-well plates; appropriate wells were stimulated by addition of interferon-gamma (Genentech, South San Francisco, CA) at 100 units/well.

Jurkat clone E6-1 cells (ATCC, Rockville, MD) or purified rhesus lymphocytes (see MLR methods) were labeled with 20  $\mu$ g/ml Calcein AM (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) at 37°C for 45 min. After washing three times with lymphocyte assay medium, Jurkat or rhesus lymphocyte cells were resuspended to  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml and incubated with serially-diluted antibody at 4°C for 30 min. After removal of medium from the keratinocyte monolayer, 0.1 ml/well of labeled cells were added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h. The wells were washed five times with 0.2 ml/well/wash of 37°C lymphocyte medium to remove non-attached cells. Fluorescence was measured using a Cytofluor 2300 (Millipore, Bedford, MA).

A rhesus-human chimeric CD11a (Rh/HuCD11a) comprising human CD11a with a rhesus I-domain was constructed by site-directed mutagenesis (Kunkel, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 82:488 (1985)) on a deoxyuridine-containing template plasmid encoding human CD11a. Four residues were altered: Val133Ile, Arg189Gln, Lys197Glu, and Val308Ala (Fig. 2). Plasmids coding for Rh/HuCD11a and human CD11b (EP 364, 690) were cotransfected into an adenovirus-transformed human embryonic kidney cell line, 293 (Graham *et al.*, *J. Gen. Virol.* 36:59 (1977)), using a high efficiency procedure (Graham *et al.*, *J. Gen. Virol.* 36:59 (1977); Gorman *et al.*, *Science*, 221:551 (1983)). Rh/HuCD11a-transfected 293 cells were labeled with 20  $\mu$ g/ml Calcein AM at 37°C for 45 min. After washing three times with lymphocyte assay medium, Rh/HuCD11a-transfected 293 cells were resuspended to  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml and incubated with serially-diluted antibody at 4°C for 30 min. After removal of medium from the keratinocyte monolayer, 0.1 ml/well of labeled 293 cells was added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h. The wells were washed five times with 0.2 ml/well/wash of 37°C lymphocyte medium to remove non-attached cells. Fluorescence was measured using a Cytofluor 2300.

(g) *ICAM adhesion assay*

Maxisorp (Nunc) 96-well plates were coated with 0.1 ml/well of 1 µg/ml goat anti-human IgG Fc (Caltag) for 1 h at 37°C. After washing the plates three times with PBS, the plates were blocked with 1% BSA-PBS for 1 h at 25°C. The plates were then washed three times with PBS and 0.1 ml/well of 50 ng/ml recombinant human ICAM-IgG was added and incubated overnight.

The ICAM-IgG consisted of the five extracellular domains of human ICAM fused onto a human IgG Fc. A plasmid for the expression of a human ICAM-1 (Simmons *et al.* *Cell* 33:624-627 (1988) and Staunton *et al.* *Cell* 52:925-933 (1988)) immunoadhesin called pRK.5dICAMGaIg was constructed. It contains the five Ig-like domains of ICAM-1, a six amino acid cleavage site recognized by an H64A variant of subtilisin BPN', Genenase I (Carter *et al.* *Proteins: Structure, Function and Genetics* 6:240-248 (1989)), and the Fc region from human IgG1 (Ellison *et al.* *Nucleic Acids Research* 10:4071-4079 (1982)) in the pRK5 vector (Eaton *et al.* *Biochemistry* 25:8343-8347 (1986)). Human embryonic kidney 293 cells (Graham *et al.* *J. Gen. Virol.* 36:59 (1977)) were stably transfected with pRK.5dICAMGaIg and the RSV-neo plasmid (Gorman *et al.* *Science* 221:551-553 (1983)) to generate a cell line expressing the five domain ICAM Ig (5dICAMIg). A clone was selected which expressed 20 µg/ml of secreted 5dICAMIg by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), using antibodies to human IgG Fc (Caltag, Burlingame, CA) and ICAM-1 (BBIG-II; R & D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). Cell culture supernatant from this cell line was loaded onto a Protein A column (ProsepA, Bioprocessing, Ltd., Durham, England) equilibrated in 0.01 M Hepes buffer (pH 7.0), 0.15 M NaCl (HBS) and the column was washed with HBS followed by 0.01 M Hepes buffer (pH 7.0), 0.5 M NaCl, 0.5 M TMAC (tetra-methyl ammonium chloride) to remove non-specifically bound material. The TMAC buffer was thoroughly washed from the column with HBS and the 5dICAMIg eluted with 0.01 M Hepes buffer (pH 7.0), 3.5 M MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 10% (w/v) glycerol. The protein A pool was dialyzed extensively against HBS and concentrated.

Purified rhesus lymphocytes (see MLR methods) were labeled with 20 µg/ml Calcein AM (Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR) at 37°C for 45 min. After washing three times with lymphocyte assay medium, rhesus lymphocyte cells were resuspended to  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml and incubated with serially-diluted antibody at 4°C for 30 min. After removal of medium from the ICAM-IgG coated plates, 0.1 ml/well of labeled cells were added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h. The wells were washed five times with 0.2 ml/well/wash of 37°C lymphocyte medium to remove non-attached cells. Fluorescence was measured using a Cytofluor 2300 (Millipore, Bedford, MA).

(h) *One-way mixed lymphocyte response (MLR)*

For both human and rhesus MLR, peripheral blood lymphocytes from two unrelated donors were isolated from whole, heparinized blood using Lymphocyte Separation Medium (Organon Teknika, Durham, NC). Lymphocytes were resuspended to a concentration of  $3 \times 10^6$  cells/ml in RPMI 1640 (GIBCO)-10% human AB serum-1% glutamine-1% penicillin/streptomycin-1% non-essential amino acids-1% pyruvate-5 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M 2-β-mercaptoethanol-50 µg/ml gentamycin-5 µg/ml polymyxin B. The stimulator cells were made unresponsive by irradiation with 3000 rads in a cesium irradiator. Responder cells at a concentration of 1.5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells per well were co-cultured with an equal number of stimulator cells in 96-well, flat-bottom plates. Serial two-fold dilutions of each antibody were added to the cultures to give a total volume of 200 µl/well. The

cultures were incubated at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 5 days and then pulsed with 1 µCi/well of [<sup>3</sup>H]thymidine for 16 h. [<sup>3</sup>H]thymidine incorporation was measured with a Beckman scintillation counter. Assays were done in triplicate. A humanized anti-human p185<sup>HER2</sup> MAb (Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992)) was used as isotype control for HuIgG1 and RhIgG1. A murine anti-hamster tPA MAb (Genentech) 5 was used as isotype control (murine IgG1) for the MHM23 MAb. MAb 25.3 was purchased from Immunotech, Inc. (Westbrook, ME).

(i) *Computer graphics models of murine and humanized MHM24*

Sequences of the VL and VH domains (Figs. 1A & B) were used to construct a computer graphics model of the murine MHM24 VL-VH domains. This model was used to determine which framework residues 10 should be incorporated into the humanized antibody. A model of F(ab)-8 was also constructed to verify correct selection of murine framework residues. Construction of the models was performed as described previously (Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992); Eigenbrot *et al.*, *J. Mol. Biol.* 229:969 (1993)).

## Results

(a) *Humanization*

The consensus sequence for the human heavy chain subgroup III and the light chain subgroup κ I 15 were used as the framework for the humanization (Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. (1991)) (Figs. 1A & B). This framework has been successfully used in the humanization of other murine antibodies (Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992); Presta *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 151:2623-2632 (1993); Eigenbrot *et al.*, 20 *Proteins* 18:49-62 (1994)). All humanized variants were initially made and screened for binding as F(ab)s expressed in *E. coli*. Typical yields from 500 ml shake flasks were 0.2-0.5 mg F(ab). Mass spectrometry verified the mass of each F(ab) to within 5 mass units.

CDR-H1 included residues H28-H35, which includes all exposed residues from both Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest*. 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, 25 Bethesda, MD. (1991) and Chothia *et al.* *Nature* 342:877-883 (1989). The other hypervariable loops were defined according to Chothia *et al.* (1989). Light chain residue numbers are prefixed with L; heavy chain residue numbers are prefixed with H.

Table II

Binding of humanized MHM24 variants to human CD11a on Jurkat cells

	Variant	Template	Changes <sup>a</sup>	Purpose	EC50 F(ab)/ EC50 F(ab)-2 <sup>b</sup>		
					Mean	S.D.	N
5	F(ab)-1	Human FR	ArgH71Val	Straight CDR swap	no binding		2
	F(ab)-2	F(ab)-1	AlaH60Asn AspH61Gln SerH62Lys ValH63Phe GlyH65Asp	Extended CDR-H2 (Kabat <i>et al.</i> (1991))	1.0		4
10	F(ab)-3	F(ab)-2	PheH67Ala	Packing;CDR-H2	1.2	0.33	3
	F(ab)-4	F(ab)-2	ValH71Arg	Packing;CDR-H1,H2	2.9		1
15	F(ab)-5	F(ab)-2	AsnH73Lys LysH75Ser AsnH76Ser	Framework loop in VH	0.043	0.015	4
	F(ab)-6	F(ab)-5	SerL53Thr GluL55Gln	Extended CDR-L2	0.012	0.005	4
20	F(ab)-7	F(ab)-6	PheH27Tyr	Extended CDR-H1	0.004	0.002	4
	F(ab)-8	F(ab)-7	SerH75Lys SerH76Asn	Framework loop in VH back to human	0.004	0.002	4
25	HulgG1 <sup>c</sup>				0.004	0.002	4
	chIgG1 <sup>d</sup>				0.006	0.005	4

<sup>a</sup> Murine residues are in bold; residue numbers are according to Kabat *et al.*, *Sequences of Proteins of*<sup>b</sup> *Immunological Interest* 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (1991).<sup>b</sup> Mean and standard deviation are the average of the ratios calculated for each of the independentFACScan assays; the EC50 for F(ab)-2 was  $771 \pm 320$  ng/ml.<sup>c</sup> HulgG1 is F(ab)-8 VL and VH domains fused to human constant light and heavy chains.<sup>d</sup> chIgG1 is chimeric IgG with murine VL and VH domains fused to human constant light and heavy

chains.

- In the initial variant F(ab)-1 the CDR residues were transferred from the murine antibody to the human framework. In addition, residue H71 was changed from the human Arg to murine Val since this residue has been shown previously to affect the conformations of CDR-H1 and CDR-H2 (Chothia *et al.*, *Nature*, 342:877-883 (1989); Tramontano *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:175 (1990)). This F(ab) showed no detectable binding. In F(ab)-2 CDR-H2 was extended to include the sequence-based definition (*i.e.*, including residues H60-H65). The EC50 for F(ab)-2 binding to human CD11a was  $771 \pm 320$  ng/ml, which was 148-fold weaker than the EC50 of the chimeric IgG1 ( $5.2 \pm 3.0$  ng/ml).

In previous humanizations, it has been found that residues in a framework loop (FR-3) adjacent to CDR-H1 and CDR-H2 can affect binding (Eigenbrot *et al.*, *Proteins* 18:49-62 (1994)). In F(ab)-5 three residues in this loop were changed to their murine counterpart and this variant showed a 23-fold improvement in binding (Table II). Alteration of human residues at positions L53 and L55 to murine (*i.e.* SerL53Thr and 5 GluL55Gln) further improved binding by another 4-fold (F(ab)-6, Table II); this effectively converted CDR-L2 from the structure-based definition (residues L50-L52) to the sequence-based definition (residues L50-L56). Subsequent alteration of PheH27 to murine Tyr in CDR-H1 resulted in an additional 3-fold improvement (F(ab)-7; Table II). Finally, based on the models of murine and humanized MHM24, two of the three murine residues (H75 and H76) in FR-3 were changed back to human and it was found that these two residues had no 10 effect on binding (cf. F(ab)-7 and F(ab)-8, Table II). The average EC50 for F(ab)-8 was slightly better than that of the chimeric IgG1 (Table II). Not all changes from human to murine resulted in improved binding. PheH67 was changed to murine Ala since this position had been previously found to affect binding (Presta *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 151:2623-2632 (1993)) but no effect was evident (F(ab)-3, Table II). Changing ValH71 back to the human Arg effected a 3-fold reduction in binding (F(ab)-4, Table II), supporting inclusion of ValH71 15 in F(ab)-1.

The VL and VH domains from F(ab)-8 were transferred to human IgG1 constant domains. The full length intact antibody, HuIgG1, showed an EC50 equivalent to F(ab)-8 and improved compared to the full length chimeric IgG1 (Table II). When data for all assays of HuIgG1 is considered, including its use as a standard for the alanine-scan and MLR assays (see below), the EC50 for HuIgG1 against human CD11a was 20 0.042 ± 0.072 nM (N = 15). Saturation binding analysis was also performed to determine the apparent dissociation constants, K<sub>d</sub>(app): 0.15 ± 0.02 nM for murine MHM24 and 0.15 ± 0.04 nM for HuIgG1 (Table III).

Table III

*Apparent K<sub>d</sub> by saturation binding to human lymphocytes and rhesus leukocytes*

	muMHM24 K <sub>d</sub> (app) nM	HuIgG1 K <sub>d</sub> (app) nM	muMHM23 K <sub>d</sub> (app) nM	RhIgG1 K <sub>d</sub> (app) nM
25 human donor 1	0.16 +/- 0.01	0.11 +/- 0.08		
human donor 2	0.13 +/- 0.02	0.18 +/- 0.03		
rhesus donor 1			3.9 +/- 0.31	3.9 +/- 1.04
rhesus donor 2			4.5 +/- 0.51	n.d.
rhesus donor 3				2.8 +/- 1.1 <sup>a</sup>
30 rhesus donor 3				2.7 +/- 0.9

<sup>a</sup> Assays of rhesus donor 3 were performed using two batches of RhIgG1; the assays were performed in the presence of 1 mg/ml human IgG1 to block Fc receptor interaction.

## (b) Alanine-Scan of CDR Residues

- To determine which CDR residues were involved in binding to human CD11a an alanine-scan (Cunningham *et al.*, *Science* 244:1081 (1989)) was performed on the CDR residues of HuIgG1. Each variant was tested for binding to CD11a on Jurkat cells. In the light chain only CDR-L3 contributes to binding.
- 5 HisL91 had a large effect (Table IV) and is probably conformational since this side chain should be partially buried. Residues AsnL92 and TyrL94 had more modest effect, reducing binding by 3-fold and 12-fold, respectively. Note however that simultaneously changing these two residues to alanine (as well as GluL93Ala) had a non-additive effect on binding (variant L3, Table IV).

Table IV

10 Alanine-scan of humanized MHM24 CDR residues

		Variant IgG1	Human CD11a Var. EC50/HuIgG1 EC50 <sup>b</sup>			Rhesus CD11a Var. EC50/HuIgG1 EC50 <sup>c</sup>		
			Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	N
		CDR Sequence <sup>a</sup>						
15		CDR-H1	GY S F T G HWMN					
		H1 <sup>d</sup>	A A A	5.9	0.8	2	nb	
		SerH28Ala	A	6.9	0.1	2	nb	
		ThrH30Ala	A	1.7	0.3	2	1.3	
		GlyH31Ala	A	1.2	0.1	2	2.4	
		HisH32Ala	A	2.3	0.2	2	nb	
20		TrpH33Ala	A	>870		1	nb	
		CDR-H2	M I H P S D S E T R Y N Q K F K D					
		H2	A A A	14.1	7.8	10	0.055	0.050
		H2B	A A A	>600		2	nb	15
		H2A1	A A	10.8	7.3	6	0.013	0.012
		H2A2	A A	1.9	0.1	2	1.1	0.1
25		H2A3	A A	4.6	0.2	2	1.3	2
		HisH52Ala	A	1.5	0.2	2	0.7	
		HisH52Ser	S	5.0	0.3	2	nb	
		SerH53Ala	A	1.8	0.1	2	0.7	
		AspH54Ala	A	147	18	2	0.3	
		SerH55Ala	A	1.3	0.1	2	1.3	
30		SerH55Asn	N	2.1	0.2	2	nb	
		SerH55Gln	Q	2.9	1.4	2	6.7	
		GluH56Ala	A	4.0	0.6	2	0.3	
		ArgH58Ala	A	1.1	0.1	2	3.3	
		GlnH61Ala	A	4.1	0.1	2	5.3	
		LysH62Ala	A	1.8	0.2	2	4.9	
35		LysH64Ala	A	2.5	0.1	2	1.2	
		AspH65Ala	A	0.8	0.1	2	1.1	
		FR-3						
		LysH73Ala		5.2	0.9	2	nb	
		LysH73Arg		4.6	1.1	2	5.5	
		CDR-H3	G I Y F Y G T T Y F D					
40		H3	A A	>900		2	nb	
		H3B	AAA	34.7	13.6	2	nb	
		TyrH97Ala	A	10.9	2.1	2	nb	
		TyrH99Ala	A	1.4	0.1	2	nb	
45		ThrH100aAla	A	2.3	0.6	2	nb	

Variant IgG1		Human CD11a Var. EC50/HuIgG1 EC50 <sup>b</sup>			Rhesus CD11a Var. EC50/HuIgG1 EC50 <sup>c</sup>		
CDR Sequence <sup>a</sup>		Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	N
ThrH100bAla	A	1.4	0.2	2	nb		
TyrH100cAla	A	7.6	1.0	2	nb		
CDR-L1	R A S K T I S K Y L A						
L1	AA AA	1.3	0.3	3	1.0		
5 CDR-L2	S G S T L Q S						
L2	A A A	1.1	0.0	2	nb		
SerL50Ala	A	1.2	0.5	2	2.7		
SerL52Ala	A	1.1	0.2	2	13.3		
ThrL53Ala	A	0.9	0.4	2	0.7		
10 CDR-L3	Q Q H N E Y P L T						
L3	AAA	>900		2	nb		
HisL91Ala	A	>900		2	nb		
AsnL92Ala	A	3.3	0.7	2	3.3		
GluL93Ala	A	1.7	0.2	2	2.9		
15 TyrL94Ala	A	11.8	0.1	2	nb		
hu4D5 <sup>e</sup>		>900		5	nb		

a CDRs and FR-3 are as defined in Kabat *et al.*, (1991) *supra*.

b EC50 HuIgG1 for human CD11a = 0.042 nM (S.D.= 0.072; N = 15).

c EC50 HuIgG1 for rhesus CD11a = 45.6 nM (S.D.= 40.4; N = 16); all values for rhesus CD11a are for a single binding assay unless otherwise noted; nb denotes binding of variant is greater than 10-fold weaker than HuIgG1.

d Multiple alanine variants:

H1, SerH28Ala/ThrH30Ala/HisH32Ala;

H2, HisH52Ala/SerH53Ala/SerH55Ala;

25 H2B, AspH54Ala/GluH56Ala/ArgH58Ala;

H2A1, HisH52Ala/SerH53Ala;

H2A2, SerH53Ala/SerH55Ala;

H2A3, HisH52Ala/SerH55Ala;

H3, TyrH97Ala/TyrH99Ala;

30 H3B, ThrH100aAla/ThrH100bAla/TyrH100cAla;

L1, LysL27Ala/ThrL28Ala/SerL30Ala/LysL31Ala;

L2, SerL50Ala/SerL52Ala/ThrL53Ala;

L3 AsnL92Ala/GluL93Ala/TyrL94Ala.

e hu4D5 is a humanized anti-p185<sup>HER2</sup> antibody with the same IgG1 framework as the huMHM24 antibody (Carter *et al.*, *Proc.Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992)).

In the heavy chain, CDR-H2 and CDR-H3 are the prominent contributors to the binding. CDR-H1 residue TrpH33Ala had a large effect but this is most likely due to a conformational change as TrpH33 should be partially buried. The most important single residue contributing to the binding is AspH54 in CDR-H2; changing this residue to alanine effected a 147-fold reduction in binding (Table IV). Other residues in CDR-H2 involved in binding include GluH56, GlnH61 and LysH64 (Table IV). In CDR-H3, TyrH97Ala reduced binding by 11-fold and TyrH100cAla by 8-fold. As in CDR-L3, simultaneous alteration of several CDR-H3 residues to alanine effected a non-additive, large reduction in binding (cf. variant H3 versus TyrH97Ala and

TyrH99Ala, Table IV). In addition, the FR-3 residue included in the humanization, LysH73, also showed a 5-fold reduction in binding when changed to alanine or arginine (Table IV).

(c) *Re-engineering HuIgG1 to Bind to Rhesus CD11a*

Both murine MHM24 and HuIgG1 showed approximately 1000-fold reduction in binding to rhesus CD11a: HuIgG1 had an EC<sub>50</sub> against rhesus CD11a of  $45.6 \pm 40.4$  nM ( $N = 16$ ) compared to an EC<sub>50</sub> of  $0.042 \pm 0.072$  nM against human CD11a. Since a primate model is important in evaluating the biology, toxicity, and efficacy of MHM24, improving the binding of HuIgG1 to rhesus CD11a was deemed advantageous. Initially, the MAb hypervariable region residues which were important in binding to human CD11a and rhesus CD11a were determined so that those important for the rhesus but not the human could be altered. Accordingly, the alanine-scan variants were also assayed against rhesus CD11a on peripheral blood lymphocytes. The most important finding was that one of the multiple-alanine mutation variants, variant H2, bound 18-fold better to rhesus CD11a than HuIgG1 (Table IV). However, individual mutations at the three residues included in variant H2 showed minimal improvement in binding: HisH52Ala, 0.7-fold better, SerH53Ala, 0.7-fold better, and SerH55Ala, 1.3-fold worse (Table IV). A series of double mutations at these three residues showed that the combination HisH52Ala-SerH53Ala was the best, providing a 77-fold improvement in binding compared to HuIgG1 (cf. variants H2A1, H2A2 and H2A3, Table IV). In addition, the AspH54Ala and GluH56Ala variants also effected a 3-fold improvement over HuIgG1 (Table IV), even though AspH54 is the most important binding residue in HuIgG1 with respect to human CD11a.

In an attempt to find a single substitution at position H54 which would improve binding to rhesus CD11a but not reduce binding to human CD11a, position H54 was substituted with a variety of amino acids. All substitutions reduced binding by greater than an order of magnitude whereas the substitution AspH54Asn improved rhesus binding by 10-fold (Table V).

Table V  
*Amino acid substitution at AspH54*

AspH54 change to	Variant EC <sub>50</sub> /HuIgG1 EC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup>		
	Human CD11a <sup>b</sup>		Rhesus CD11a <sup>c</sup>
	mean	S.D.	
Ala	147	18	0.3
Asn	26	1	0.1
Gln	20	1	4.4
Glu	16	2	>25
Ser	>100		0.9
Arg	>250		>25
Lys	>100		3.8
His	>300		>25
Thr	>450		>25

Met	>150		>25
Leu	>300		>25

<sup>a</sup> EC50 HuIgG1 for human CD11a = 0.042 nM (S.D.= 0.072; N=15); EC50 HuIgG1 for rhesus CD11a = 45.6 nM (S.D.= 40.4; N=16).

<sup>b</sup> Values are the mean of two assays.

<sup>c</sup> Values are for a single assay.

Since non-additive effects were noted for changes at positions H52-H53, these were combined with a variety of changes at positions H54 and H56 (Table VI). For all variants, H52 and H53 were alanine. In one series, position H54 was Asn and position H56 was Glu (original), Ala, Asn or Gln. None of these variants 10 improved rhesus CD11a binding over the H2A1 variant (Table VI). In another series, position H54 was Ala and position H56 was Glu (original), Ala, Ser or Asn and again all were worse than variant H2A1. In the third series, position H54 was Ser and position H56 was Glu (original), Ala, Ser or Asn. Two of these variants exhibited improved binding to rhesus CD11a compared to the H2A1 variant (H2C11 and H2C12, Table VI). The rhesus CD11a EC50 for these two variants was  $0.11 \pm 0.11$  nM (N = 9) for H2C11 and  $0.19 \pm 0.08$  nM 15 (N = 7) for H2C12. These values are 3- to 5-fold weaker than the EC50 of HuIgG1 for human CD11a (0.042 nM) but are a 240- to 415-fold improvement over the EC50 of HuIgG1 for rhesus CD11a (45.6 nM). H2C12 will hereafter be referred to as RhIgG1. Apparent  $K_d$  values from saturation binding experiments showed that RhIgG1 bound to rhesus CD11a as well as murine MHM23 bound to rhesus CD18 (Table III).

Table VI

20 *Binding of CDR-H2 variants to human and rhesus CD11a*

Variant IgG1	Sequence	Var. EC50/HuIgG1 EC50 <sup>a</sup>		
		Human CD11a	Rhesus CD11a	
			Mean	S.D.
25	H2C2	A	2.6	>100
	H2C3	A A A N	>100	>100
	CDR-H2	M I H P S D S E T R Y	1.0	1.00
	H2A1	A A	10.8	0.013
	H2C1	A . A N	>100	0.56
	H2C4	A A N A	>100	0.38
	H2C5	A A N N	46	0.11
	H2C6	A A N Q	>100	0.21
	H2C8	A . A A	12.7	0.38
	H2C7	A A A A	2.4	1.03
30	H2C10	A A A S	14.2	0.22
				0.03

	H2C9	A A A N		34.3	0.22	0.04
	H2C13	A A S			0.10	0.06
	H2C14	A A S A			0.021	0.013
	H2C12	A A S S			0.004	0.001 (N=7)
5	H2C11	A A S N		24.9	0.002	0.001 (N=9)

<sup>a</sup> EC50 HuIgG1 for human CD11a = 0.042 nM (S.D.= 0.072; N = 15); EC50 HuIgG1 for rhesus CD11a = 45.6 nM (S.D.= 40.4; N = 16); all values for rhesus CD11a are the mean of two independent binding assays except as noted.

For the HuIgG1-human CD11a interaction, AspH54 was the most important residue (Table IV); changing this residue to other amino acids significantly reduced binding with the least reduction occurring for changes to Glu, Asn and Gln. However, for the HuIgG1-rhesus CD11a interaction, AspH54 was deleterious since changing this residue to Ala or Asn improved binding (Table V). In order to understand this difference between binding to human and rhesus CD11a, the latter was cloned from a rhesus PBL library. Fig. 2 shows that rhesus CD11a I-domain differs from human CD11a I-domain at only four positions: 133, 189, 197, 308.

15 Previously the human CD11a epitope of MHM24 was mapped to residues 197-203 (Champe *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 270:1388-1394 (1995)) which includes the human Lys197 to rhesus Glu197 change in rhesus.

(d) *Keratinocyte Cell Adhesion Assays*

Murine MHM24, chimeric IgG1 and HuIgG1 were compared in their ability to prevent adhesion of Jurkat cells (human T-cells expressing LFA-1) to normal human epidermal keratinocytes expressing ICAM-1.

20 All three antibodies performed similarly (Fig. 3) with similar IC50 values (Table VII).

Table VII  
*Blocking of cell adhesion by MHM24 variants*

mAb	IC50 Value (nM)				
	Jurkat:HuK <sup>a</sup>	RhLy <sup>b</sup> :HuK Mean S.D. N	RhLy:HuICAM <sup>c</sup> Mean S.D. N	Rh/HuCD11a <sup>d</sup> :HuK Mean S.D. N	
murMHM24	0.09				
25 HuIgG1	0.13				
chIgG1	0.10				
RhIgG1		119 86 4	5.3 4.5 3		4.9 0.2 2
MHM23		1.6 1.5 3	1.2		1.4 0.1 2

<sup>a</sup> HuK = normal human epidermal keratinocyte.

30 <sup>b</sup> RhLy = rhesus lymphocyte.

<sup>c</sup> HuICAM = recombinant human ICAM-1.

<sup>d</sup> Rh/HuCD11a = human CD11a with rhesus I-domain transfected into human 293 cells.

Neither murine nor humanized MHM24 blocked rhesus or cynomolgus lymphocytes from adhering to human keratinocytes. When RhIgG1 was compared to the murine anti-human CD18 antibody MHM23

(Hildreth *et al.*, *Eur. J. Immunol.* 13:202-208 (1983); Hildreth *et al.*, *J. Immunol.* 134:3272-3280 (1985)) in blocking adherence of rhesus lymphocytes to human keratinocytes, RhIgG1 was 74-fold less efficacious than MHM23 (Fig. 4A, Table VII). However, when recombinant human ICAM-1 was coated on plates (instead of human keratinocytes) RhIgG1 was only 4-fold less efficacious than MHM23 (Fig. 4B, Table VII). A 5 chimeric CD11a comprised of human CD11a in which the I-domain was mutated to rhesus (Val133Ile, Arg189Gln, Lys197Glu, Val308Ala) was transfected into human embryonic kidney 293 cells. Again, RhIgG1 was only 4-fold down from MHM23 in blocking these Rh/HuCD11a-293 cells from adhering to human keratinocytes (Fig. 4C, Table VII).

Control isotype antibodies for RhIgG1 (humanized anti-p185HER2 antibody; Carter *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 89:4285 (1992)) and MHM23 (murine MAb 354, a murine IgG1 anti-hamster tPA) did 10 not block binding of rhesus lymphocytes to human keratinocytes or recombinant ICAM-1 (Figs. 4A, 4B) or Rh/HuCD11a to human keratinocytes (Fig. 4C). This implies that the reduced performance of RhIgG1 compared to murine MHM23 in the rhesus lymphocyte:human keratinocyte assay was not due to any unexpected interaction of the human Fc of HuIgG1 (compared to the murine Fc of MHM23) with the rhesus 15 lymphocytes, which might reduce the concentration of RhIgG1 available for binding to rhesus CD11a. The recombinant human ICAM-1 data show that RhIgG1 is binding to the rhesus lymphocytes and preventing adherence almost as well as murine MHM23 (Fig. 4B, Table VII). The Rh/HuCD11a-293 data (Fig. 4C, Table VII) show that RhIgG1 is not binding to targets on the human keratinocytes (compared to HuIgG1), which might reduce the concentration of RhIgG1 available for binding to rhesus CD11a. In addition, the 20  $K_d(\text{app})$  of RhIgG1 to rhesus leukocytes was similar with (rhesus donor 3) and without (rhesus donor 1) addition of 1 mg/ml human IgG1 (Table III); This shows that binding of RhIgG1 is specific to rhesus CD11a.

(e) *Mixed Lymphocyte Response Assays*

In the MLR, HuIgG1 exhibited an IC<sub>50</sub> value 2-fold weaker than the murine MHM24 (Table VIII, Fig. 5).

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Table VIII  
*Mixed lymphocyte response assay results*

mAb <sup>a</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> Value (nM)		
	Mean	S.D.	N
murMHM24	0.19	0.06	3
HulgG1	0.38	0.14	4
mAb 25.3	3.8	1.0	2
RhIgG1	23.4	11.4	2
MHM23	30.4	24.0	3

<sup>a</sup> murMHM24, HuIgG1 and mAb 25.3 tested in human MLR; RhIgG1 and MHM23 tested in rhesus MLR.

Both the murine and humanized MAbs fared 10- to 20-fold better than MAb 25.3, which has been 30 previously tested *in vivo* (Fischer *et al.*, *Blood* 77:249-256 (1991); Stoppa *et al.*, *Transplant Int'l.* 4:3-7 (1991); Hourmant *et al.*, *Transplantation* 58:377-380 (1994)). The rhesus-binding variant RhIgG1 exhibited an IC<sub>50</sub> value slightly better than murine MHM23 (Table VIII). Different responder:stimulator blood donors were used

in independent assays and the results did not vary significantly. The  $K_d$  of RhIgG1 for rhesus CD11a is about 26-fold down from the  $K_d$  of HuIgG1 for human CD11a (Table III) and this is reflected in the IC<sub>50</sub> values derived from the MLR assays (Table VIII).

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- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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	65	70	75
	Ser Ser Leu Glu Pro Glu Asp Phe Ala Met Tyr Tyr Cys Gln Gln		
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5	His Asn Glu Tyr Pro Leu Thr Phe Gly Thr Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu		
	95	100	105
	Leu Lys Arg		
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	50	55	60
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	65	70	75
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	80	85	90
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	Ile Lys Arg		
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	(B) TYPE: Amino Acid		
	(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear		
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	65	70	75
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- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (C) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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Lys Asn Thr Leu Tyr Leu Gln Met Asn Ser Leu Arg Ala Glu Asp			
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- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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- (A) LENGTH: 11 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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- (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(B) TYPE: Amino Acid  
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(A) LENGTH: 11 amino acids  
(B) TYPE: Amino Acid  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(B) TYPE: Amino Acid  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:18:

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(B) TYPE: Amino Acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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His Gln Asn Ile Ser Asp Gly Lys  
1 5 8

5 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
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(B) TYPE: Amino Acid  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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1 5 8

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:21:

- 15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
(A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs  
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(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single  
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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20 CACTTTGGAT ACCGCGTCCT GCAGGT 26

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- 25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
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- 30 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:  
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(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:23:

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1 5 10 15

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- 5 (A) LENGTH: 121 amino acids  
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## (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:24:

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	1				5						10			15	
10	Gly	Ser	Leu	Arg	Leu	Ser	Cys	Ala	Ala	Ser	Gly	Tyr	Ser	Phe	Thr
					20					25			30		
	Gly	His	Trp	Met	Asn	Trp	Val	Arg	Gln	Ala	Pro	Gly	Lys	Gly	Leu
					35				40			45			
15	Glu	Trp	Val	Gly	Met	Ile	Ala	Pro	Ala	Ser	Ser	Ser	Thr	Arg	Tyr
					50				55			60			
	Asn	Gln	Lys	Phe	Lys	Asp	Arg	Phe	Thr	Ile	Ser	Val	Asp	Lys	Ser
					65				70			75			
	Lys	Asn	Thr	Leu	Tyr	Leu	Gln	Met	Asn	Ser	Leu	Arg	Ala	Glu	Asp
					80				85			90			
20	Thr	Ala	Val	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Ala	Arg	Gly	Ile	Tyr	Phe	Tyr	Gly	Thr
					95				100			105			
	Thr	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Tyr	Trp	Gly	Gln	Gly	Thr	Leu	Val	Thr	Val	Ser
					110				115			120			
25	Ser														
	121														

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A humanized anti-CD11a antibody which binds specifically to human CD11a I-domain.
2. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 1 which binds to epitope MHM24 on CD11a.
3. A humanized anti-CD11a antibody which binds human CD11a with a  $K_d$  value of no more than about  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  M.  
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4. A humanized anti-CD11a antibody which has an IC<sub>50</sub>(nM) value of no more than about 1nM for preventing adhesion of Jurkat cells to normal human epidermal keratinocytes expressing ICAM-1.
5. A humanized anti-CD11a antibody which has an IC<sub>50</sub> (nM) value of no more than about 1nM in the mixed lymphocyte response assay.  
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6. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 1 having a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of CDR1 (SEQ ID NO:10), CDR2 (SEQ ID NO:11) and CDR3 (SEQ ID NO:12) of humanized antibody MHM24 (F(ab)-8).
7. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 6 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.  
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8. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 1 having a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of CDR1 (SEQ ID NO:13), CDR2 (SEQ ID NO:14) and CDR3 (SEQ ID NO:15) of humanized MHM24 F(ab)-8.
9. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 8 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.  
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10. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 1 having a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 and a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
11. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 1 which is a full length antibody.
12. The humanized anti-CD11a antibody of claim 11 which is a human IgG.  
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13. The antibody of claim 1 which is an antibody fragment.
14. The antibody fragment of claim 13 which is a F(ab')<sub>2</sub>.
15. The antibody of claim 1 which is labeled with a detectable label.
16. The antibody of claim 1 which is immobilized on a solid phase.
17. The antibody of claim 1 which is conjugated to a cytotoxic agent.  
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18. A method for determining the presence of CD11a protein comprising exposing a sample suspected of containing the CD11a protein to the antibody of claim 1 and determining binding of said antibody to the sample.
19. A kit comprising the antibody of claim 1 and instructions for using the antibody to detect the CD11a protein.  
35
20. Isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of claim 1.
21. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 20.
22. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 21.
23. A process of producing a humanized anti-CD11a antibody comprising culturing the host cell of claim 22 so that the nucleic acid is expressed.

24. The process of claim 23 further comprising recovering the humanized anti-CD11a antibody from the host cell culture.

25. The process of claim 24 wherein the humanized anti-CD11a antibody is recovered from the host cell culture medium.

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	1	10	20	30	40
MHM24	DVQITQSPSYLAASPGETISINC [RASKTISKYLA] WYQEKGKTNKLLIY				
	•	•	•	•	•
F(ab)-8	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVITC [RASKTISKYLA] WYQQKPGKAPKLLIY				
	•	•	•	•	•
humKI	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVITC [RASQSISNYLA] WYQQKPGKAPKLLIY				

	60	70	80	90	
MHM24	[SGSTLQS] GIPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISLEPEDFAMYCY [QQHNEYPLT]				
	•	•	•	•	•
F(ab)-8	[SGSTLQS] GVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISLQPEDFATYYC [QQHNEYPLT]				
	•	•	•	•	•
humKI	[AASSLES] GVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISLQPEDFATYYC [QQYNSLPWT]				

	100		
MHM24	FGTGTKLELKR		
	•	•	•
F(ab)-8	FGQGTKVEIKR		
humKI	FGQGTKVEIKR		

**FIG.\_ 1A**

	1	10	20	30	40
MHM24	EVQLQQPGAEMLRPGASVVLCKASGYSFT [GHWMN] WVRQAPGKGLEWIG				
	•	•	•	•	•
F(ab)-8	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGYSFT [GHWMN] WVRQAPGKGLEWVG				
	•	•	•	•	•
humIII	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFS [SYAMS] WVRQAPGKGLEWVS				
RhIgG1	EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGYSFT [GHWMN] WVRQAPGKGLEWVG				

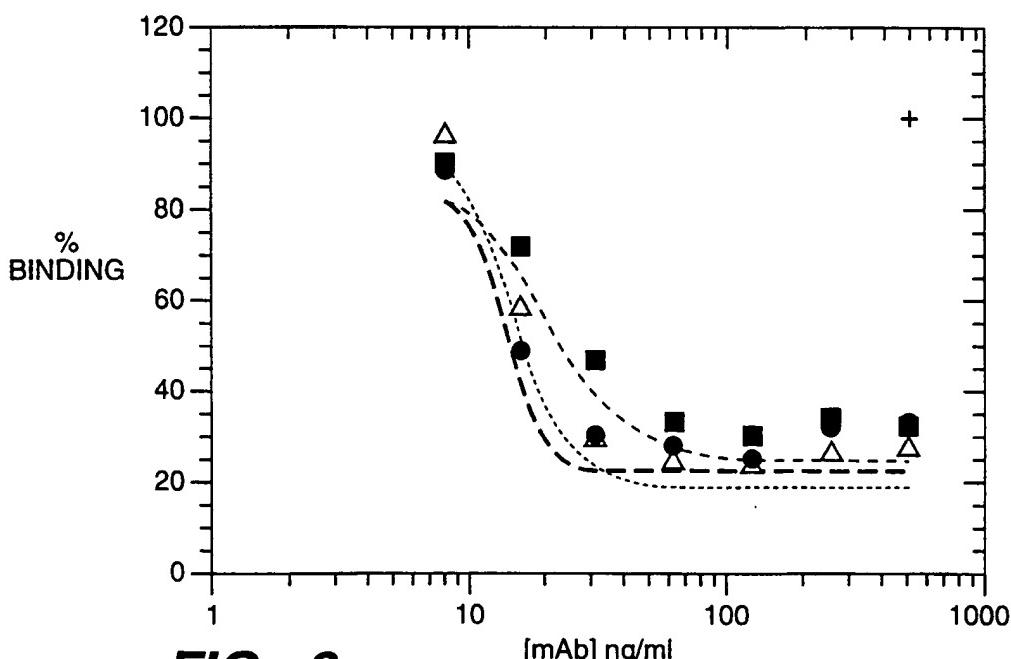
	50	a	60	70	80	abc	90
MHM24	[MIHPSDSETRLNQKFKD] KATLTVDKSSSSAYMQLSSPTSEDASVYCAR						
	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
F(ab)-8	[MIHPSDSETRYNQKFKD] RFTISVDKSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCAR						
	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
humIII	[VISGDGGSTYYADSVKG] RFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCAR						
RhIgG1	[MIAPASSSTRYNQKFKD] RFTISVDKSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCAR						

	100	110
MHM24	[GIYFYGTTYFDY] WGQGTTLVSS	
F(ab)-8	[GIYFYGTTYFDY] WGQGTLVTVSS	
	•	•
humIII	[G-----FDY] WGQGTLVTVSS	
RhIgG1	[GIYFYGTTYFDY] WGQGTLVTVSS	

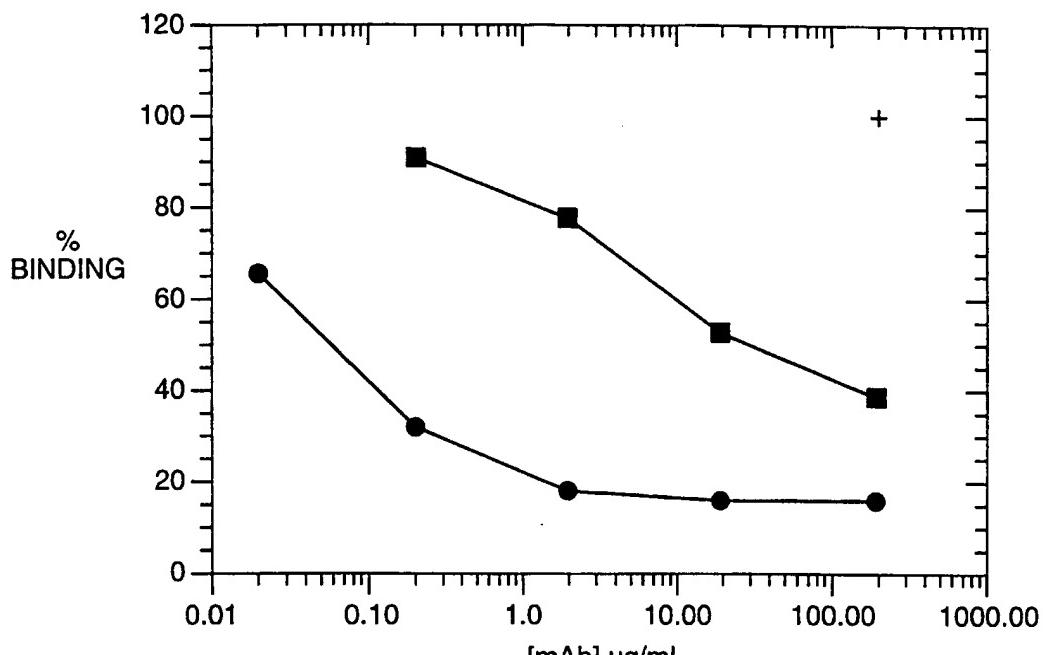
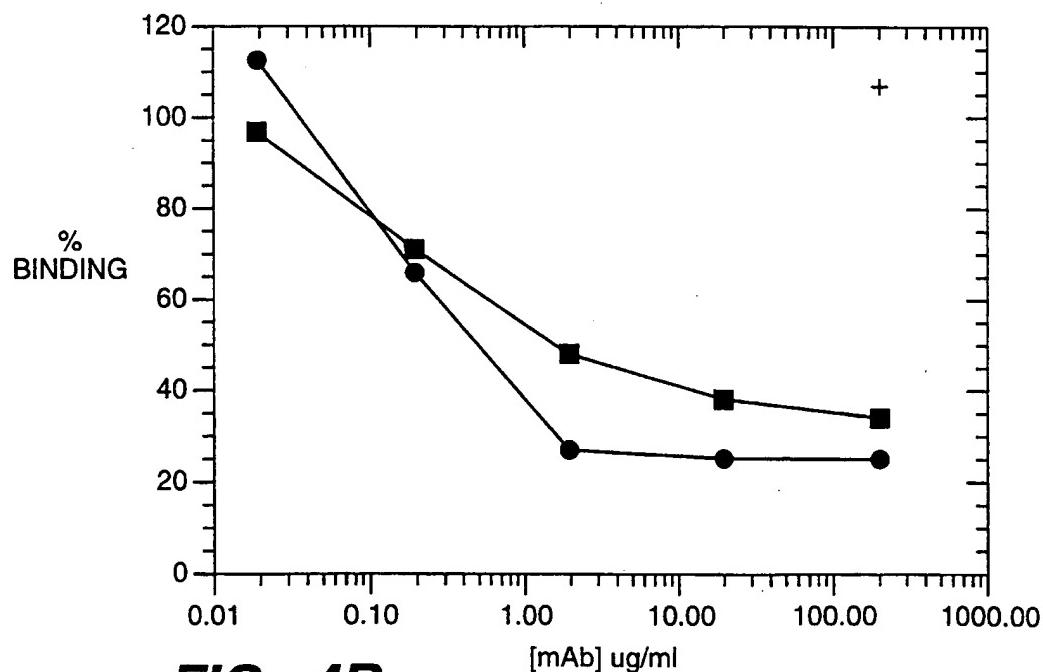
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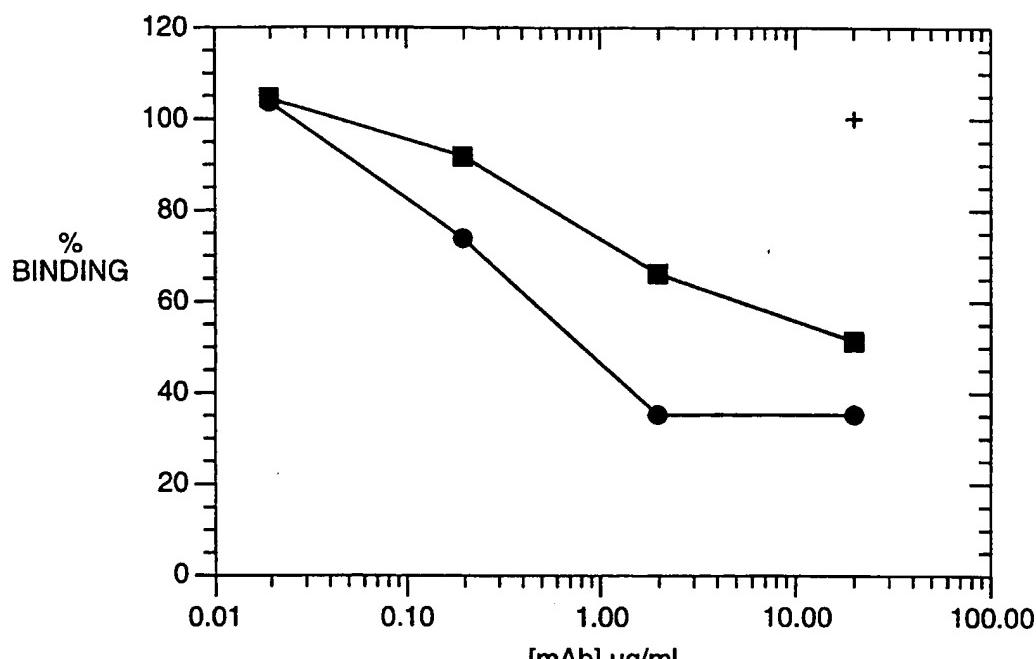
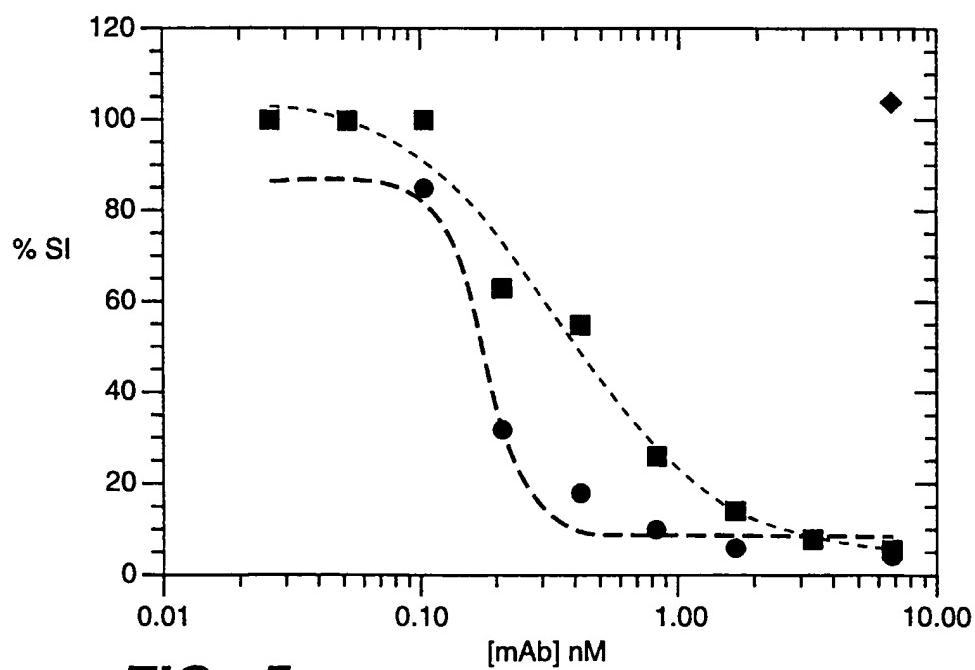
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humCD11a	KGNV <u>D</u> LVL <u>F</u> D <u>G</u> SM <u>S</u> LQPDEF <u>O</u> K <u>I</u> LDF <u>M</u> KD <u>V</u> M <u>K</u> LSNT <u>S</u> Y <u>O</u> F <u>A</u> AV <u>E</u>				
rhCD11a		I			
		$\beta_1$		$\alpha_1$	
					$\beta_2$
	180	190	200	210	
humCD11a	STS <u>Y</u> <u>K</u> T <u>E</u> F <u>D</u> E <u>S</u> D <u>Y</u> V <u>K</u> R <u>K</u> D <u>P</u> D <u>A</u> L <u>L</u> X <u>H</u> V <u>K</u> H <u>M</u> <u>L</u> <u>L</u> T <u>N</u> T <u>E</u> G <u>A</u> I <u>N</u> Y <u>V</u> A <u>T</u> E <u>V</u>				
rhCD11a		Q	E		
	$\beta_2'$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$		$\alpha_4$
	230	240	250	260	
humCD11a	FREELGARP <u>D</u> A <u>T</u> K <u>V</u> L <u>I</u> <u>I</u> <u>I</u> T <u>G</u> E <u>A</u> T <u>D</u> S <u>G</u> N <u>I</u> <u>D</u> A <u>A</u> K <u>D</u> <u>I</u> <u>I</u> <u>R</u> <u>Y</u> <u>I</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>K</u> <u>H</u> <u>F</u> <u>Q</u>				
rhCD11a		$\beta_3$		$\alpha_5$	$\beta_4$
	270	280	290	300	310
humCD11a	T <u>K</u> E <u>S</u> O <u>E</u> T <u>L</u> H <u>K</u> F <u>A</u> S <u>K</u> P <u>A</u> S <u>E</u> F <u>Y</u> K <u>I</u> <u>L</u> D <u>T</u> F <u>E</u> K <u>L</u> K <u>D</u> L <u>F</u> E <u>L</u> O <u>K</u> K <u>I</u> <u>Y</u> V <u>I</u> E <u>V</u>				
rhCD11a		$\alpha_6$	$\beta_5$	$\alpha_7$	A

**FIG.\_2****FIG.\_3**

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**FIG.\_4A****FIG.\_4B**

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**FIG.\_4C****FIG.\_5**

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